

Living in this World with Cut & Paste

- Part 4 -After Marriage Arc

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Chapter 104 A Young Lady's Secret (1)

"...Hmm? So all these fuss was caused by Aisha." The guild leader said with a hint of displeasure mixed into his words.

Then, he shouted at the bunch of adventurers frolicking around.

"Ya bastards better dispatch yourselves right this instance! You guys are bloody noisy!" as expected of the Guild Leader!

With just one sentence, the strong looking adventurers that were making noise became quiet all at once!

"...So, you must have some business with me to come all the way here? What do you need?"

Maybe it was because the surroundings have quiet down, I've somewhat calmed down. Letting go of our hands, Aisha stepped in front and started talking.

"...First off, please have a look at this."

Aisha handed the sealed letter that was entrusted by the King over to the Guild Leader. Naturally, the letter was tightly sealed with the royal beeswax.

"Hmm, a letter... huh? It's from... what!? His Majesty the King!!? This seal is undoubtedly from the royal family, and besides, Aisha wouldn't try to trick me... which meant that this is an official letter from His Majesty himself then!"

The person writing this letter is this country's most important figure. ...Obviously he'll be shocked.

Even for someone like me, if Sylphy were to sent me a letter before we met, I'm sure I would have the same reaction as him.

No wait, given the position, I'm pretty sure it'll be even shocking.

"Guild Leader, oh, my name's written inside. Even though I received a letter from His Majesty, somehow it doesn't seem strange at all?"

"Eh? Aah...!? Yo, Your Highness, Sylphid!? Is your Highness present right now!?"

Because Aisha was taking the initiative, Sylphy was a little left behind. Given the circumstances within the Guild just a moment ago, I guess there wasn't any room to calmly observe his surroundings.

"...Aaah, I see! Your Highness, congratulations on your recent wedding."

"Aah, thanks. More importantly, though I wasn't informed specifically, but I heard that it was a major story. I want to discuss about this at an unobtrusive place, would you mind?"

"Certainly not, please follow me."

Immediately accepting Sylphy's request, the Guild Leader himself voluntarily guided us.

Then, we were lead to an office which looked like a meeting room that only the Guild Leader can enter.

"If we're here, nobody would be able to listen to our conversations. Please have a seat over here."

When we entered the room, we were given each a luxurious chair for visitors to sit.

Once seated, the Guild Leader once again took out the sealed letter which was given to him by Aisha from the King and proceeded to read the contents out loud.

"...Then, without further ado."

As expected, even the Guild Leader, when dealing with Sylphy, would change his usual casual tone to a polite manner.

Seeing the Guild Leader, I too should remember to pay attention to the way I deal with others...

Given the aspects of Aisha and Sylphy, our Clan's representative would probably... be me. If that were to happen, I bet that I would also have to remember these correspondences and wordings.

That's why, it's a rare chance! The way Guild Leader speaks, I should closely observe and learn from it.

"...Mu, I see... It was a report sent from the capital previously. Your majesty had also drastically... put some thought into it... Alright, I have fully grasped the situation. Let's go and get Amy at once." The Guild Leader said that, stood up from his seat and went out of the office swiftly.

Judging from what he said, the Guild Leader probably went out to get Amy-san over.

Thus, not even 5 minutes have passed, the girl that I previously saved from the Orc's Settlement.

Together with the Guild Leader, he and Amy-san arrived back at the office.

"...Thank you so much for saving me the other day."

Amy-san walked over to us and thanked us while bowing down her head deeply. She seemed nervous, probably because she was suddenly called out to meet us.

It has been awhile since I last saw Amy-san. She had her brown hair tied up to a ponytail and a super-thick spectacle that wasn't there before when we rescued her.

Before this, I was mentally driven when fighting those Orcs, so I wasn't given the opportunity to closely look at her at that time...

If the spectacles weren't there, I thought that she has a pretty cute face.

She could've just taken off her spectacles...

Well, since I have Aisha and Sylphy which were renowned as beauties on my side, I won't fall in love with others.

While thinking of such trivial things, Waffle suddenly talked to me through telepathy. Judging from the looks of Sylphy and Aisha, it seemed like he was only speaking to me.

[Myne, she looks like—— she's using magic—]

[Are you talking about her?]

[Oou, that's right—! Wafu!—]

[Do you know what kind of magic she could use?]

[Hmmm, I do not know that much——]

A person using magic... was he talking about Amy-san being able to use magic? Or was someone using magic on her?

...Irregardless, I should be a little wary of her.

But, as expected of Waffle! You're amazing, Waffle!!

I wonder if he heard my thoughts.

But he was wagging his tail at a tremendous speed.

Speaking of which, he was obviously on top of my head, so his tail was hitting against the back of my head.

It's not like it hurts or anything so there wasn't any problem with it.

Aah, it felt like the wagging increased greatly...

After Amy-san introduced herself, I gently held Waffle down from the top of my head, and briefly bowed.

It seemed that a bit of the tension was lifted as she looked at Waffle desperately sticking to me.

"Well then, since Amy has arrived, should we continue our discussion."

The Guild Leader spoke towards Sylphy...

Sylphy then informed the Guild Leader, and prompted Aisha to proceed with the story.

"First off, I should talk about our current situation."

Aisha started talking about our marriage.

The establishment of our Clan has been official recognized by the country, and the making our base at the Town of Lucas to conduct our activities.

And the construction of our Clan House.

She spoke slowly about the stories thus far in order.

And, the topic finally shifted to the main subject.

"...The situation is as talked about thus far."

After finished speaking in one go, Aisha looked at Amy-san and wanted to hear about her opinion.

Maybe it was because of the effects of Waffle's appearance, she wasn't particularly nervous as she nodded.

"The King and I knows about your circumstances, so we wanted to have you to join our Clan as an official member

...This was what we came up with, but I have not told this matter to Myne and the Princess yet.

The decision is ultimately based on the person herself, so we understand the circumstances."

"...I understand what you said."

Amy-san started talking slowly while choosing her words.

"I think that the situation that I'm in currently isn't necessarily bad, but I am still very grateful from what you said.

...However, this would just cause trouble to everyone... so this talk..."

Hmm? What troubles was she talking about?

"Amy-san, have you forgotten? My husband was the one who defeated the Orc-King and rescued you? Wouldn't being on the side of Myne the safest?"

Aisha then glanced at me, and started talking again.

"The trouble that you speak off... Of course, I've already assumed that and still brought

this story up.

Rest assured, we will absolutely protect you."

With all this in mind, Aisha closed her mouth.

"...I understand, I will talk to Myne-san and her Highness Sylphid about this.

On top of that, If the both of them could forgive me after listening to my story, then I wish for them to take care of me from now on." as Amy-san said that, she faced towards Sylphy and I.

...Well then, what sort of story would she bring up including the matter of the magic that I heard from Waffle?

I have to listen to her firmly, right!

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"...I understand, I will now explain about my circumstances to Myne-san and Your Highness, Sylphid.

If after hearing my story, and the both of you could still forgive me for it, then I would like the both of you to take care of me." After finishing her sentence, Amy-san faced the directions of me and Sylphy.

"First of all, this appearance of mine... isn't really my real appearance. I'm using a Magical Item that allows me to alter my appearance."

...Altering one's appearance?

I see, so that was the magic Waffle was talking about!

Though, why was it necessary for her to alter her appearance?

Pretending to be a woman...?

Depending on the circumstances, I won't be able to understand why one would do such a thing.

...However, Amy-san who was using magic was originally a woman too.

Mumumu, I can't imagine it at all.

Probably, the act of disguising had something to do with the Guild Leader, or a direct connection with the King to keep her troublesome secret from being revealed.

But, why would such Great people go through such great lengths? It's fine, things would soon make sense.

...This situation, is making me excited(doki doki).

"I'll now cancel the magic."

Right after Amy-san said that, she touched a bracelet that was on her right arm, and

chanted a magic incantation that I've never heard before from her mouth.

Once she'd done so, for a quick moment her body became crystal clear, and she changed into a completely different person.

Then, Sylphy and I who were staring at the completely different person... was at a lost for words.

" "...E, Elf." "

Yes, Amy-san's true identity was that of an Elf.

What's more, it was an upper race known as a High-Elf.

Name:	Amy
LV:	11
Race:	High-Elf
Gender:	Female
Age:	121 years old
Occupation:	The Head of the Clan's Only Daughter
[Skill]	
Unique Magic-Wood	
Magic-Recovery L	
Alchemy	
[Divine Protection of World Tree]	
Blessings of the World Tree	

Elves are tribes who lives deep in the forest with nature.

Having an appearance of a peerless beauty toppled with a sharp ears that were considered special in this world.

...And because of their superior appearance, regardless of male or female from other mindless races, many would aim for her.

No... it should be said that much would try to aim for her.

There is a country of the Hume called Wills.

No, there was such country as it had already been destroyed.

At that time, The King, Wills, was fascinated by the beauty of elves.

At first, the elves would unfortunately be caught by the Slave Merchants to be turned into slaves and bought of by him to satisfy his desires.

Though as time goes by, his desires gradually grew larger.

If he couldn't buy any Elves from the Slave merchants, he would order others to capture the elves for him.

However, the King's desire did not saturate.

Finally using his position, he tried to invade the Elf's country to make the country his own.

Obviously, the conscientious Kings of other countries condemned the foolish King and gathered together soldiers to stop his actions.

...Although the other countries reached out their hands to help, they never reached the elves on time.

When the soldiers from various countries arrived at the Elf's country, both the country and Will's country had already been destroyed.

At the beginning of the war, the elves were being overrun by Will's country and many elves were captured.

It can't be helped as the elves would not have thought that a nation would aggressively invade their country with such reasons alone.

It was none other than a surprise attack.

Originally, elves were a race that preferred not to fight.

They tried resisting, but were overpowered and was instressed quickly. If it had ended there, the worst situation may have been avoided.

But the killing from King Wills did not stop from there.

In the Elf's country, the World tree, or formally known as the God Tree was there. The King tried to make that World Tree his own property, as the World Tree would have materials like excellent medicines or weapons stored inside.

Yes, despite it being created by the Gods to help the world, but.

Not only was the king not faithful, he was only faithful only to his own desires. Therefore, the existence of the World Tree reflected in his eyes was just "A Gold Tree that produces expensive materials."

Thus, after seizing hold of the elves, he issued a huge order to his subordinates to harvest the World Tree.

Even though the captured elves loudly told him to stop, he paid no attention.

As a result, the country of Wills was destroyed.

A collaboration was made to help the elves gain control.

Yes, in order to protect the World Tree, the Divine Beast, Ymir appeared.

Ymir's power was tremendous that he annihilated the army of Will in a blink of an eye.

As the army of Wills was spread throughout the elf's country, the elves were wiped together by Ymir's attacks.

Of course, there were some elves that survived, but it was a fact that most of them have their lives taken.

Afterwards, Ymir sought after Wills and including all the innocent citizens, made them all to ash before disappearing.

...Thus was the tragic story of Amy and her elven tribe.

Even till this day, there were still imprudent people that would try to capture the elves and turn them into slaves.

NO, it might not be an exaggeration to say that the numbers of imprudent people are increasing.

The elves who originally had few population because of Wills and the complete wipe out.

If they could make such person as slaves, it would undoubtly be a fantastic prey.

"...Do you understand right now.

As of right now, I would disguise myself with the Magic Tool, but that itself isn't perfect as well.

I would not know where or when someone will target me."

I see, so that was the reason why the king and the Guild Leader were in such a panic. As the head of the country, it was natural to protect the elves due to the past mistakes.

You could also say it is a cheap technique to announce it to everyone that they were hiding an elf to lure the other imprudent peoples out.

...I see, that's why they chose me.

Having fighting experience, and also the existence of [Unique Magic-Space Time]

I would be able to perfectly hide her.

Maybe that was why the king pondered on whether it would've been better to protect her in the Royal Palace, or to let our Clan protect her after receiving the proposal from Aisha.

And the outcome was to choose us which would allow her to live more freely, rather than being cooped up in the Royal Palace and strip off from her freedom.

Surely, he was considering about Amy's feelings and decided as such.

"...Even after knowing my true identity, would you still invite me?"

Amy-san gave up on everything and looked at me with such expression.

Yes, I had already decided my answer since the beginning. Looking at Sylphy, she too nodded.

"Yes! Amy-san! Take care of me from now on!"

Thus, we made a new friend.

Chapter 106 Welcome back!

Amy-san, who is a High Elf was now our newest member.

All this time she was using a Magic Tool to disguise herself, but her true appearance was beautiful irrespective of rumours.

...No, she was way more beautiful than I thought.

Even though I had Sylphy and Aisha as my beautiful wives, I unconsciously fell in love with her beauty.

How can I put it into words, the two wives beauty felt as though it came with their kindness.

Compare to Amy-san whose beauty was perfect like a completed art piece.

Indeed if someone were to see her appearance, it wouldn't be weird if humans would bound to make mistakes.

"...Myne-kun, what are you staring at so intently?" Aisha cuts of my train of thoughts with a cough, as she asked me with a serious expression.

"Even though he has us already... does Husband prefer Amy more?"

This time it was Sylphy that asked.

And as expected, with a serious expression.

... Aaah, this might be bad perhaps?

"Eh? Eeeh!? I, it's true that Amy-san is beautiful but... to me, the both of you are special, how do I put it..."

In a panic, I desperately explained and tried apologizing, and the two of them looked at me and suddenly laughed.

"Fufufu, it's just a joke! A joke!"

Aah! I was being teased!!

...Well, if the both of them are having fun, then I guess it's fine.

As the three of us were doing a comedic husband and wives dialogue, Amy-san who was looking at us started laughing.

"As expected, newlyweds... I'm jealous that you're so close to them."

[Myne-, Myne—, Introduce me to her as well—-]

Aah, that's right!

I should introduce Waffle-chan to her too!

I gently held Waffle which was on top of my head, and hugged him with both of my arms.

"Amy-san, he is also a part of our family too, his's called Waffle! Please get along well!"

Coordinating with my words, Waffle raised his right paws and "Wafuu!" greeted her.

"...Please to meet you as well, Waffle-chan."

For a moment, she was giving Waffle a strange look, but soon after she smiled and talked to Waffle.

Aah, now that I thought about it... since we're at it should I ask her?

"...By the way Amy-san, why were you captured by the Orcs?"

The question suddenly popped out of my head and thus I asked.

As I asked, she answered with "I was picking up herbs, but I was caught..." with an apologetic look.

... Aah, so that's how it was.

One wouldn't expect Orcs to be roaming around in such a shallow area.

With Appraisal I peaked into Amy-san's status, she doesn't have any combat skills, so I was glad that I safely rescued her the other day.

Though, how was she living her life all this while?

Since she holds the [Alchemy] skill, so probably she makes potions and sold them off as a living...

Plus, the forest that she went to pick up herbs was probably, where Lucas was living. I can't bring myself to ask about her family either...

Seemed like it would be a complicated story, so I shouldn't rush it and slowly talk about it in the future.

If I handled it poorly, it might be possible that it would reopen her old wounds.

After Amy-san had exposed her identity to us, I wonder if it lessen her burden. As gradually, she started talking to us with a smile.

While talking, another question suddenly came up.
Why, would the Guild Leader and Aisha knew of her being an elf?

Even though she disguised herself using a Magic Tool...

"I have another question..."

After enquiring about my question, Amy-san answered with a bad look. It seemed that the Magic Tool had to be filled with magic regularly with a specific equipment.

After being captured by the Orcs, she didn't fill up any magic, and right after being rescued, it seemed like her concealment melted.

The only fortunate thing was, when that happened it was a place where only the Guild Leader and Aisha was present.

If her disguise had worn off when she was in the Guild Hall, I wonder what sort of uproar would occur.

"...Well, it should be done?"

After seeing that we had calmed down, the Guild Leader started talking. We stopped conversing, and everyone focused on the Guild Leader.

"Then, would it be fine for the newly made Clan take charge of Amy?"

"Yes! I'll take full responsibility!"

Answering on behalf of my team, it seemed that the burden placed on the Guild Leader's shoulder was lifted.

He obviously showed his relief to me on purpose.

Well, that's to be given.

Even if it's a different country, because of the Hume Tribe, the elves have lost their only home.

Moreover, many adventurers in the Guild have rough people like Fjord (I have no idea who's this) that I used to involve in the past.

Another thing was, if Amy-san's identity was leaked, then it wouldn't be as simple as not knowing what to do.

I thought that it was a considerable hard work to deal with.

"Though, when you're doing your activities in the Clan, will Amy be left inside the Clan House?

What would you do if thieves sneaked in at that time?" The Guild Leader asked.

"I think it would be fine because the King said that they would arrange escorts and another person in charge of receptionist." as I answered, Sylphy hammered in, and the Guild Leader was relieved of my words.

"If you need a helping hand, do call me to give me a request as well. We will dispatch reliable adventurers."

For now, I would like to see the progress of our Clan House.

I planned to make places like dorms where staffs can live on the second floor, I think once that's done, Amy-san could use one of the rooms.

Until the Clan House is completed, would she want to stay at home or to stay at the

royal palace?

Either way, the Guild's requirements have been dealt with. Shall I return home now?

"Well, once the details are decided I'll pick you up, so please take care of Amy-san for the time being!"

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On the way home, we were received with passionate hospitality. ...Perhaps all the citizens of Lucas gathered? I thought as it was a lot of people.

"...I'm back!"

By the time we entered the house, we were tired and thus laid on the bed.

[Wafu! So this is where Myne lives—]

Waffle was the only one who excitedly explored around the house. Well, it's not like he'll need to always stay on my head.

...Does he not get tired at all?

While watching Waffle running around, I was doing nothing and rolling around the bed.

Aisha and Sylphy were obviously not rolling around on bed, instead they were sitting on a chair resting.

...As expected, going to the labyrinth was easier.

Mental fatigue was something I'm not used to, so it wasn't easy getting it out from my body.

Thus, as I was drowning out, Waffle, with a tremendous momentum jumped on top of me.

"Haaa!"

I unexpectedly groaned. [Myne! Myne! Myne!] [...Wh, what's wrong? Waffle.] [I've found it! I've found the bathroom—!!] [...Yeah, there's a bathroom.] ...A bath, a bath huh. Aah, it certainly might be good. I wonder if I should leave checking the Clan House for tomorrow. It is also important to get tired. "I'm going to go and take a bath. As Waffle wanted to enter the bath too!" I rise up and stood up, then head over to the bathroom with Waffle. It was the usual [Continuous : Water] x5, [Continuous : Heat] x4 that was set up on the bathtub to boil the water quickly. At one point, I returned to the changing room and said, "Okay, let's go in Waffle!" as I took off my clothes quickly and threw it into the undressing basket. We went in the bathroom with steam rising up already, it was a little warm. I quickly washed me and Waffle's body and quickly soaked our bodies into the bathtub. "Fuuu~♪ After all, a bath is good!" [Ooh—!]

As usual, Waffle was dog paddling around the bathtub. Just watching that figure made my tiredness flew away.

"Myne-kun! We're heading in too!"

Yeap, this was as usual!

...Finally, I felt like I came back home!

"I'm back!!"

Chapter 107

CASE: Faren

<The King's Perspective>

Aisha proposed a talk about the daughter of Laurel Family who became a daughter-in-law.

That was a story which cannot be hope for for the royal family.

It was already at a point where we don't know how many Elf survivors left under protection.

...This was the responsibility the Hume tribe must fulfill in order to atone for their sins.

From the adventurer guild of Lucas, when the report explained that they had to protect an elf, they were seriously worrying about what to do.

If they were kept in the royal palace, their safety would be guaranteed. However, not everything came with merits, they were demerits to this.

If she was being protected in the royal palace, they will come to know of her true identity.

Her identity as an elf was hidden by a Magic Tool and also she sells medicine for a living. They had to let such a person live in a royal palace.

Naturally, they needed a reason to justify their action.

...Which means, as an elf, she needs to be publicized.

Morgue was saying some rather stupid things about making her my concubine, but I don't want to do that.

In the first place, if I, the king, made an Elf my wife, other countries would not stay silent about this.

If I do not handle this carefully, I might meet the same fate as that Wills King.

It would greatly hurt the nation's interest.

...I can't believe it was a suggestion coming from that intelligent Morgue.

...I got a bit side tracked from the story.

In other words, if I were to testify myself and confess to her in the royal palace, besides the merits there would be 2 demerits.

- Let the public know that an elf is here.
- She would not be able to leave the royal palace which means losing her freedom.

Well, the royal palace is certainly a fairly safe place to live.

However, if came to asked whether her safety was 100% guaranteed, the answer was no.

The place called the royal palace was a place where people come and go regularly. Thinking about people walking in and out, there was no guarantee that no one would try and do unreasonable things to her.

Needless to say, we would hire plenty of guards for security, but there are exceptions to everything.

Saying something like it'll be fine 100% would be impossible.

As if you announce it to the public, it would be as though you're revealing your identity by yourself as an elf and declare that an elf is here.

The second problem was if publicizing yourself to the world, it meant that she could not move around freely from within the royal palace.

Because there wasn't any place safer than right here.

Even though she is using a Magic Tool to completely hide her identity, but there was also a flaw to that Magic Tool.

The fact that you've specifically told them about her whereabouts would already be carrying a huge risk.

Since these were the problems, simply keeping her in the royal palace wasn't a viable option.

...If that was the case, what should be done?

While having a headache from this mess, a report came in that Roselia-Claude caught a dragon cild.

With that, I had to put the problem in the shelf.

Though the matter of Claude was solved thanks to my son-in-law, and furthermore, having the case of the protection of elf solved was also thanks to my son-in-law.

Thus, my son-in-law should leave the work to me to support him.

"Morgue, arrange for a rumour stating that "An Elf is being protected in the royal palace" throughout the kingdom.

Afterwards, prepare one room at the back of the Imperial Palace, the person staying would be a female knight so arrange someone to take care of the room on a daily basis. You can have Aldo decide on the selections."

With that rumour being spread, the possibility of people watching a close eye on my favourite son-in-law would decrease.

In addition, if there were someone who wanted to do something unfathomable, it would be much safer.

"...I see, this is certainly more effective. Should I prepare the substitute girl now?"

"No, that is not necessary. At any rate, spread the rumours.

As the rumours grows, it'll let them imagine an arbitrary existence of an elf as they don't have any eye witness."

Okay, with this it's settled.

Next was to select a person to be dispatched to the Clan of my son-in-law.

A strong, firm mouth and reliable human...

Aldo would be a perfect candidate, but it was impossible to dispatch a Prince over there.

What's more the person needs to guard the elf.

Problems might occur too, so a female or a married person would be better if possible.

"Aldo, do you have any talented person in mind to dispatch for Myne?"

I told my son, Prince Aldo, about the conditions I had in mind earlier.

Aldo returned with an answer in a short amount of time.

"...Let's see, how about the Head of the First Knight Division?

I heard that he deepen his friendship with Myine in the game of the Spirit Forest, plus he's great with swords.

Furthermore he has a family, which means he satisfies all of the conditions Father have asked."

Head of the First Knight Division, aah Franz.

Indeed, he has a good personality and is skillful so it shouldn't be a problem.

Plus his child was born not too long ago and I heard he had totally turned into a stupid father figure.

Someone that makes a family cry was also nice.

Fumu, the more I thought about it, the more I think it wasn't a bad choice. Well, the problem now was whether or not the person himself agrees to it.

Fumu, would he bring his child that was born recently with him.

Franz was a meritorious person, I would prefer to avoid using my order as a King to force him.

I guess it would be quicker to directly ask about his intention.

"Fumu, I also want to put 2 female knights in charge, who do you think would be great candidates?"

"Hmmm, two person.

Aah, now that I think about it, there were a few female knights in the 2nd Knights Division that adores Sylphy."

"Hou, can they be trusted?"

"...Well, I'm not so sure myself either. You should check with Sylphy about it."

Hm, it was indeed desperate to ask Aldo to look for the female knights. As usual, he seemed to be weak against women.

Though, her sister was married.

It was time for Aldo to man up.

I understand that it isn't easy to find a partner, but this guy was indifferent about the marriage.

Should I ask about this while I was at it?

"Aldo, don't say that you're weak to women, shouldn't you be thinking of settling yourself with a partner soon?"

When I said that, Aldo slammed his face and turned his face away.

"I thought your partner was the Holy Bow or Saint.

Ah, because the Holy Bow was married to Myne along with Sylphy...

So how? Would you like to meet with the Saint? Hmmm????"

The Holy Bow, who married Myne was Aisha.

Achievement–Appearance–Skill, whichever it was, she had no problems as a companion of the royalty.

Though, it was already too late.

Which meant that there was only the Saint which was officially recognized by the royal family.

Holding an incredibly powerful Recovery Skill, she treated anyone regardless of their status or remuneration, giving her the nickname Saint.

She was also being requested by the royal family many times, and together with Aisha of the Holy Bow was a woman familiar with the royal family.

"...Father, let's hold of this talk for another time...

There are many things that I have to decide right now, and the other side has to decide too..."

...Phew, can't be help.

Why is he so against of his own marriage.

Well, it's fine.

A civilian, and 2 female knights from the 2nd Knights Division.

After listening to the opinions of Morgue and Sylphy, then only I would decide on it.

Chapter 108 Thinking about the Clan House

...Morning came.

I'll have to check on the completion of the Clan House today.

Honestly speaking, I was supposed to head there yesterday... but I was too tired that I K-oed on the bed.

I still can't believe that I was blessed to be married in the Town of Lucas.

...I was happy, but that welcome still took a toll on me mentally.

On the evening, with what little energy me and my two wives had, we went and took a bath, and immediately went to bed.

Because of that, all the tiredness left my body this morning, and I was wide awake.

Though, as usual, my two wives were still sleeping.

Today, they were properly wearing their sleeping pajamas, so there weren't any eye candies.

...It can't be helped that no matter the time we'll still relax, so I did my customary bathing time to refresh myself.

I rustled out of the bed whilst trying not to wake the two of them up, and took a peek into the basket that Waffle was in.

"Wafu!"

Yeap, I knew he was awake.

As if waiting for me to speak, he raised his right hand and showed me his paw, which was his usual greeting?

[Waffle, you wanna bath together with me?]

The answer was obvious even if I did not say anything, but I asked just in case.

[Bath time~~, Bath time~~]

Responding with that, he hurriedly crawled out of the basket, and climbed on top of my head.

This was also the usual scene where he patted on my head with his paws as if asking me to hurriedly go.

After confirming that Waffle was firmly put on my head, I quickly headed for the bathroom.

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Surprisingly Waffle did not dog paddle around the bath, instead he had his body open widely in a "大" character floating around.

It seems that he used his tails to steer around while floating in the bath so as not to hit his head against the edge of the bathtub.

[Waffle, aren't you gonna swim today?] [Floating, feels good~~♪]

...Seems like he found another new way to have fun.

I heard that there were people who believe in the Divine Beast, I wonder what those people would think if they saw the appearance of Waffle right now, their faith would be shaken...

Well, it's adorable so it's fine!

While Waffle was floating around, I was also enjoying myself soaking in the bath for quite some time, and my two wives arrived.

"...What an adorable figure."

Looking at Waffle, the two of their movements stopped.

Aah, I figured this would happen.

In the end, my two wives, before Waffle was able to escape from them, we never left the bath.

...Being forced to partake in their game of interest in Waffle, but just a bit, it was a secret that we were in there for too long and my head was kinda dizzy.

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"...I'm sorry, Myne-kun"

"I'm sorry! Dear husband... I was too caught up that I've completely forgotten..."

Though just recently I found out, that the two of them really loves adorable things.

We are now eating our breakfast that Aisha made, and the two of them were apologizing towards me.

It's not really a big deal to begin with, and I wasn't angry at the two of them or anything so it was unnecessary of them to apologize to me, but thinking of their feelings on apologizing to me, I have to be the adult to accept it.

"...Okay, I understand.

I don't really mind it that much, it's not as though I don't understand your feelings? So next time when we go into the bathroom, just remind yourselves and this talk can be over."

After speaking my mind out, the two of them looked at me with relieved expressions, and smiled at me.

"Anyways, Aisha's cooking has become even better than before.

I'll have to work hard in order to not be left behind..."

"It's as what my husband said, I'll have to learn how to cook as well."

Yep, Aisha's cooking skills have already went up to LV7 just a few days ago.

Just before, when I was appraising the chefs of the royal palace, their levels were around $5\sim7$ and they were considered experts in their field.

Even I wasn't confident in my cooking skills anymore as it was only at a LV2, thus I had to work hard from now on.

Compared to my cooking and Aisha's cooking, the taste was pretty apparent. Hence, we gradually left cooking to Aisha so the difference won't shrink all the way.

On the contrary, we separated the task daily.

In any case, I want the two of my wives and Waffle to eat delicious foods. This is fine and all but it's not good...

If possible, I would like Aisha to rest once in a while... Well, I'll discuss with the two of them at a further date.

"If the two of you are happy, that'll bring me the most joy.
Will Princess also make something together with me next time?"

...It seemed that while I was contemplating on it, the opportunity for me to cook had drastically decreased.

While mourning in my mind, Waffle was stuffing himself with food, he stopped halfway and walked towards me.

Then, after staring at me, he pat on my knees while going back and eat his food.

...Was he trying to tell me not to be let down? The thought of Waffle immediately calmed me...

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"Hey, Sylphy... I have something I want to talk about."

"This is rare for my husband to make such change, whatever it may be, if I can be of help please tell me."

It was about the design of the Clan House that was written by Sylphy and the craftsman-sama.

I wanted to consult with Sylphy about making dormitories for Clan members to stay.

"Are you making a dormitory for the members at the Clan House?"

"Fumu, I see... for now you wanted a place for Amy to live right?

However, doesn't Amy have a place to stay previously?"

"That's true too, but don't we have to protect her?

If that's the case, we'll have to keep an eye on her so I thought why not let her stay in the Clan House.

Depending on when the Clan House will be completed, we can ask her to stay at my home for the time being."

Sylphy nodded again in my explanation and started thinking for a while.

After thinking for a bit, she nodded heavily and told me what she'd concluded.

"I don't know whether it's realistic unless I consult with the Craftsman, but for the time being, how about having a three-story building?

There's also the nobles dignity, so I do not want to change the two-story plan as much as possible.

Though I think it's best to build a third floor..."

Indeed, that's true.

Plus we won't know how much more members will we have in the future.

As the King told me that he would arrange several people, the number of rooms will be needed depending on the number of people.

If we use the second floor as a lodging place, it will obviously become a small facility for the Fortuna Family.

Then, I think that the third floor Sylphy proposed made sense.

"Yeap, that sounds great?

In the meantime, shall we go and meet up with the Craftsman-sama."

I called Aisha and Waffle and explained what I had in mind, and all of us started moving to the construction site of the Clan house.

...Well, even If I said we're moving, it was just next to us.

Well, what would the Craftsman say?

In the first place, can we change what we had right now?

Well first things first, let's ask him!

Chapter 109 Thinking about the Clan's Name

The planned site of the Clan House is 50 meters away from my home. We left our home to visit the workers that was working on the Clan House.

Fortunately, there weren't any enthusiastic greetings from my residents like yesterday, so it was possible to reach the destination easily.

If it was yesterday, just wanting to move 50 meters away from my home would take an hour, so everyone breathe a sigh of relief of the absurdity.

"...I'm glad that it has finally calmed down."

"Yeah, it was impossible to do that everyday as it would cause troubles."

While we were conversing with each other, the disciples who took care of us when they built the bath greeted us.

"Oh, everyone. Have you all came back?"

"Yes! Just yesterday that we safely arrived home! I'm sorry to everyone for taking such impossible task again."

When I said that, all of them replied "We have no problems at all" with a smile floating on their face.

"Sorry to interrupt, but is the Craftsman-san here today?"

Sylphy asked his disciples, they immediately wanted to bring him here. I felt sorry interrupting their work, so we decided to visit him after asking for his whereabouts.

By the way, Sylphy did her best to negotiate with the Town Mayor, thus we had secured a considerable site.

It seemed like it would've taken more than a year to build such large scale building with regular humans.

However, construction of the Clan House this time was greatly assisted by the Royal Family.

It wasn't just the financial assistant that the royal family offered, but apparently they would dispatch some Magic Architects where they could use Soil Magic skill to help in the constructions.

The merits of having a Magic Architect lies in the construction period.

Using magic, they could built something on the spot, which uses magic to enhance their strength.

Therefore, the time and effort it took to move building materials, could be prepared overwhelmingly faster with their help.

Besides, they could exert their power in the construction of building materials.

There was also a story saying that if you had 1 Magic Architect, the time to complete a project would be reduced to 1/10 of a normal completion.

Plus it won't be only 1 Magic Architect, but the royal palace was supposed to dispatched a total of 5 of them.

Therefore, I think that our Clan House will surely see completion not far from now.

Explained by the disciples, apparently there was a temporary hut built in the place where the Craftsman-san was at.

It seemed to be a base built for meetings and meals.

"Oh? If it isn't Myne, so you've returned from the kingdom?"

Someone stepped out of the cabin, and immediately we heard a unique intonation.

Yes, it was the Craftsman-san, Roku-san the Dwarf.

It was him who finished building our bath in a blink of an eye.

The workmanship of the bath that he made was enough to bring about drama from the royal people, and we had full confidence on the Craftsman-san.

"Yes! I've came back just yesterday!"

"Ooh, I see I see! I'm glad! Nn? So that means you're married already? Congratulations on Aisha and the Princess too."

"Yeah, thanks! Also Roku-dono, do you have time to consult about the Clan house?"

When Sylphy said so, the Craftsman-sama made time and said "Oh, I don't mind."

We were surrounding the work desk, and when everyone sat down on a seat, I took out some light snacks from the storage bag and distribute it to everyone.

As the sweets received from the royal palace were too tasty, I heard that a maid was working in a shop that sells those, so I bought a ton.

Because the storage bag was made from <Unique Magic-Space Time>, so time does not move from inside.

Which meant that it will be delicious forever.

Everyone took the delicious sweets and Sylphy started speaking in a relaxing atmosphere.

"In our previous meeting, we've decided that the Clan House is two stories..."
But the circumstances have changed, so I would like to change it to three stories..."

Talking about the circumstances of whether we can change it to a 3 story building, the Craftsman-sama closed his eyes and folded his arms while thinking for a while.

"Luckily, the foundation of the work hasn't started yet. However, as we have to redraw the floorplan again, it might take some time. Well, it might troubling the Magic Architects too..."

It seemed like it might trouble the Magic Architects, but we could still make changes. There isn't any problem if it takes a little longer to complete.

Yes, no problem, I'll leave it to you!

Afterwards, Sylphy and the Craftsman-sama had a meeting on the design of the second

and third floor, and afterwards a rough sketch of the Clan House was confirmed. Together with the Magic Architects that are coming tomorrow, they would do some final adjustments before the final drawing.

"...Because we have to add the 3rd floor, it would take a little over three months until completion?"

That quickly! What!? I understood the amazingness of the Magic construction again.

...In conclusion, in about three months we could make a home for our Clan.

I have to think about doing various stuff from now on! First off, I was assigned by the King to search the dungeon and the destruction of the core.

Let's start from there.



Well then, the prospects of the Clan House have also been... Oh, I have to decide the name of the Clan soon.

...That's why!!

"The 3rd family meeting~~~~~!"

The moment we returned home, we decided to consider the name of the clan.

"Because of me, the name of the clan was delayed for quite some time..."

"The name of the Clan huh...

Prince Lewis's Clan name expressed the content of their activity."

That's true.

The Clan of his Highness Prince Lewis was called "Alchemy Library".

I heard that the name was given due to many talented people in the clan that were good at alchemy, including his highness.

Although I have never met them before, the name "The Circle of the Devil" was also understood of what they do.

On the contrary, Cashew-san's name "The Dancing Dust" had no relation with their activity.

I think that our clan was somewhat similar to Cashe-san's "The Dancing Dust" 's activity.

So it might be difficult to associate the name with what we do.

"Yeah, our clan does not do specific things so it's hard to name it after what we do. It might be a good idea to think in words that are related to us."

Aisha spoke first when I asked.

"How about the Circle of Happiness?

Because I wish that we will be happy forever."

Yes, I certainly thought it was a good name.

I hope not just for us but for everyone else to be happy!

[This time, Myne-Su—Per will be the name!]

...Waffle, why is he chipping in too? Plus...
Moreover that would be a little...

"Let's see... how about Sunflower?

Because that flower is my husband, father, and mother's favourite flower.

I think that there is no name as suitable as this."

...It certainly has a special meaning to me. I see, it feels like a really great name.

Afterwards, having various candidates with three people (+1) but overall Sunflower seemed to be the final vote.

However, if it was only called Sunflower, there would be a possibility that it would be mistaken for the name of the flower rather than our clan name.

So we settled with "Eternal Sunflower"

It felt like father and mother were watching over me.

Okay, I'll have to report it to the King!

Chapter 110 The King and Sunflowers

After deciding the Clan's name, I hurriedly went to the royal palace and report it at once.

Sylphy had matters concerning with the Clan House, so she was now in a meeting with Craftsman-san.

As for Aisha, she was now heading for a meeting in the adventurer guild concerning the moving of houses for Amy-san.

Both matters were important, so it was only me and Waffle who decided to go to the King's palace.

"Well then, I'm going out now!"

Saying so, I lightly hugged Sylphy and Aisha and lightly kissed their cheeks.

Then, I used [Unique Magic-Space TIme] and headed for the royal palace.

"Aisha... newlyweds of the world are always doing such things right..."
"Yeah, Princess... it seems like it."

...After sending me off, it seemed that the two of them with their faces red were talking about such things.

"Alright, I've arrived but, what should I do?"

Through the black hole, we reached the room in the royal palace where we used to live in.

Just so you know, the King had already decided that this was our room, so he'd agreed that we could use it freely though...

As expected, it felt tasteless to go out of the room and roam around the royal palace sneakily.

While I was drowning in thoughts, Waffle suddenly jumped off from my head. Apparently, he seemed to be talking telepathically with someone.

...What on earth was he doing?

While not fully understanding what he was doing, Waffle looked towards me and barked "Wafu~" as he climbed back up on my head again.

Apparently, the telepathy had ended.

[What's wrong? Waffle.]

[Myne looked troubled, so I called—-]

Hmm? What did he mean by that?

Suddenly, I heard footsteps from outside the room.

As the footsteps grew bigger, it seemed that they are heading towards here.

"O, Dear brother! You came here!?"

The door was swung opened which made a bang sound, and the person that came inside the room was my sister-in-law, Princess Ariel.

As she would get angry if I don't call her by her nickname, I had no choice but to call her Ary.

"Hello Ary!" As she was still catching her breath I greeted her.

"H, hello!"

I pulled out some cold water from the storage bag and handed it to her slowly.

Then, Ary drank the water she received at once, and let out a "Phew~~" sound. ...I guess, because she hurriedly came over.

But, how did she know I was here?

Again, while trying to think about it, I noticed that my head was being struck by something flat.

[I called for her—-]

Eh?... Aah, from just now's telepathy??

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Aah, I see! The [Contract of the Divine Beast]! ...I've completely forgotten about that.

If it was within a certain distance, you can send a thought to a person you wish who also has the [Contract of the Divine Beast].

"...Gosh, I was surprised you know.

I was staying inside my room when suddenly I could hear the voice of Waffle-chan."

Aah, I think Sylphy mentioned about it before.

Ary has always been inside her room and she does not come out.

"I'm sorry for surprising you...

Although I've arrived at the royal palace, it would've been rude to wander around without permission."

"It's alright you know, Dear Brother! What brings you here today?"

"Okay, I have some business with the King... Is he available?"

While I was talking, Ary immediately pushed a doorbell installed in the room.

"Dear Brother, please use this doorbell from now on.

The maid will immediately come!

...However, calling me is also alright!"

Just as Ary said, a maid arrived immediately.

"Princess Ariel, Myne-sama, did you perhaps call for my assistant?"

Afterwards, with a very sophisticated gestured she bowed down to me and Ary.

"Dear Brother wants to meet up with Father-sama, could you please check his schedule?"

Listening to Ary's words, the maid once again bowed down and left.

"Well, with this it's fine!

Before she comes back let's talk for a bit! Dear Brother."

With that, before the maid returned I had a conversation with Ary.

Should I say because she's a girl?

She seemed to be really interested in meeting with me and my two wives.

As Ary is also of a royalty, marriage partners were naturally decided based on people with excellent skills.

Because of that, it was a little scary that you could not predict what sort of person will be your companion.

If allowed, she had a burning passion for romance and told me with a slight tint of sadness on her eyes that it would be great if she could get married.

...For that reason, I was forced to teach her about the ways of a married couple as an example.

However, in our case we got married in a fairly special way, and if I were to put it was rather an irregular marriage.

It wasn't those feelings of lovey dovey scenario that Ary imagined it to be.

I won't lie to her, so for now I'll just talk to her as it is.

While speaking, she went "Heeeh~" or "You serious! Dear sister wouldn't!?", but I swiftly brushed the topic for the moment.

While I was talking about the time I went to the labyrinth with Aisha, the maid came back.

"Myne-sama, I'm sorry for keeping you waiting for a long time.

The King would like to see you right now. Allow me to assist you on the way to the office."

"I understand! Thank you very much."

As I said so, I thanked the maid and lowered my head.

The maid showed a momentary amazement when I lowered my head, but as soon as she remembered that I was formerly a commoner, she smiled nicely and gave me a bow.

It seemed that a nobleman would not so easily lower their heads to the likes of a maid.

"Dear Brother! Please let me know once you've finished talking with my father!"

"It depends on the story with the king, if it takes time, I'll have to go home right after..."

Yes, as soon as I replied her shoulders drooped as I could clearly see the sadness on Ary's face.

For now, I can't make the King wait for me.

"I'm sorry." I said as I hurriedly head to the King's office with the guidance of the maid.

However, I did not notice at that time.

When Ary looked sad and was thinking of something, she responded with "That's right!" while holding her hands tightly.

I would soon know about the meaning of Ary's "That's right!" at a later time after the talk with the King was over.

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"Excuse me for intruding, but I've brought Myne-sama over."

The maid gently knocked the door of the King's office, and spoke.

"You've came, come in."

I heard the voice of the King from inside.

After confirming the reply from inside, the maid opened the door whilst saying

"Pardon for intruding".

Then, she urged for me to go inside.

After entering the room, I greeted with a "Excuse me for intruding", and once the maid confirmed that I entered, she bowed down deeply before closing the door.

"Myne, what brings you here?"

The King slowly sat on his chair and as I started speaking.

"I'm sorry for intruding while you're busy, but I've decided on the name of the Clan, so I came here to report..."

"Hou, that was earlier than expected, no it saves me a lot of time too. So, what name did you decide on?"

I brought my chest out, and told the King our Clan name.

"It's Eternal Sunflower."

Energetically speaking, the King showed a surprised expression for a moment and his movement stopped.

"...Sunflower... huh.

I see... I see, that name does suit y'all."

Aah, is that so!

Now that I thought of it, the King was a team with my father and mother! If that's the case, he would know why I chose sunflower as the name!!

"Oh right, Myne... shall we talk about an old old story?"

The King closed his eyes and breathes heavily.

...Then, he started talking.

Chapter 111

Memories that wouldn't fade away

"In the past, I was in a team with your parents for some time, I've told you about it before right?

Originally, I was actually just a commoner...

My father was a mercenary and before I got married I was a mercenary working with him."

Eh? The king, was a mercenary...

But, compared to me right now from when he was young, being a mercenary was amazing.

Even though I had to do all I had just to live on daily...

"Hm? Aah, I did say mercenary, but I was just helping my father out. I myself wasn't a big deal."

Looking at my expression, the King added some words onto the story.

"...Anything, being a mercenary in a family means not knowing what would happen tomorrow.

Instead of settling down at a place, we had to move from town to town to make a living. Thus was my daily life, it was after a while that I got the skill from God."

Indeed, the temple to which skills were awarded was only offered in big cities. As what the King said, if he was moving around frequently, he must have gone to a

temple after he became an adult.

"So, I got the skills in the Town of Lunawan.

It was exactly the place where my father died, and I decided to become an adventurer..."

"So, from there you met my father and mother!?"

Oops! I unintentionally cut the story of the King... What should I do if I were to make him angry...

...But, I really wanted to know about father and mother.

"Let's see...

When I entered the adventurer's guild, it was there where I met with your mother, Yukino, and Garnet.

They were friends for a really long time, and they were in a party together."

I thought that he'd gotten mad, but he continued to talk.

...Maybe, because he was reminiscing those days. It seemed nostalgic, yet it sounded fun...

As I saw the King talking about mother and the Queen, I naturally thought of something.

"...So dad wasn't with you."

In my memory, mother was always next to father.

Father was a person who did not talk much, but mother always stood beside father and were always smiling together.

Though from the King's story, it seemed that they weren't together which was somewhat sad.

"Don't make such a face, it is a while later that Dyne would start adventuring together with us."

"...Yes."

"Anyways, meeting Garnet and Yukino for the first time in the adventurer guild, I got to be asked to party together for a request."

What sort of request was it?

While thinking of it, the King smiled and grinned as he answered.

"Are you curious as to what sort of request it was?"

Apparently, the King saw through my emotions again. Was I that easy to read?

I felt that something on top of my head was moving back and forth. ... Apparently, Waffle was also wondering about it...

Agreeing with Waffle, while recessing forward a little the King stifled a smile as he continued talking.

"The request itself wasn't hard so as long as the party formation is solid.

Inside a forest that was slightly further away from the town of Lunawan, we had to hunt a certain demon."

I don't know how strong the demon was, but if the King was there then it must've been easy!

As, it was said that he became a hero afterwards! I can't imagined the struggles he had at all.

"Though we're at an exciting part, I'm sorry.

As I mentioned earlier, if "we have a party formation that is solid" right?

I was a swordsman, Garnet was a magician, and Yukino was the healer.

There was no problem if it comes to defeating it, but the forest was vast, so finding that one monster was somewhat of a difficult task."

Only one!? If that were the case...

"D, don't tell me, a rare species!? Were you hunting down a rare monster!?"

"Oh, you seem to know it as well.

It was a demon that was suddenly borned from mutation...

What we had to look for was a bee-shaped demon called the Royal-Bee."

...It certainly was a nasty request.

In the forest, a bee type... And what's more it was a rare monster so it means looking for 1 monster.

"Yes, that's why we needed a person with searching capabilities which wasn't in our party."

Ah! I got it! So that's why!!

"You seemed to realize as well, that's right.

We head to the guild searching for people that we can trust to find the monster.

...And that was your father, Dyne."

As I suspected! It was father!

Unlike myself, father was a fantastic hunter!

Even his searching capabilities were amazing, and he was skilled in not just dagger but also with the bow.

If they had father, even if it's a Royal–Bee, it wouldn't even be an enemy!

"Well, that describes how me and your parents met.

Then, until I became the King of this country, we were always together.

I got married to Garnet, and Dyne and Yukino got married...

Even now I still can't believe it, that the two of them are not here anymore."

From the King's words, I stayed silent.

That's right, I thought so too...

"The names of your clan, they(Dyne and Yukino) liked sunflowers, but you probably wondered why?"

"...Yes, that's right.

I felt like father and mother are watching over me..."

"Aah, I think it's a good name. I'm sure that they'll be pleased with it."

After that, I was told many stories about my younger dad and mother from the King. However, the only thing he did not talk about was when my father and mother passed away.

They've saved Lucas, that was all I was taught before they passed away.

Be proud of your parents and live happily so that your parents' name will not be tainted, that was what he told me before ending the old stories.

"...Aah, one last thing Myne, I have something to discuss with you."

As I was about to leave the office, I turned back as the King called for me as he remembered something.

"Yes? What's the matter?"

"The Teleport Skill that you have, could you connect it to a specific place at all times using it as a door?"

Hmm? I wonder what he meant by that?

For example, if I opened the door from my home, it would would connect to the royal palace?

Something like that, I wonder if it was possible?

"...I've never thought of it like that, I'll try it once I go home."

"Aah, I'll be thankful if you could do that.

As of right now, the only way to contact you was to use a fast horse to reach you."

I made a promise with the king and left the office after bowing down.

Since the King called a maid to lead me out, I was once again walking behind her.

Anyways, this is the end of my errands!

It took more time than I thought, so it was impossible to continue talking with Ary. I better apologize before going back.

"Do you know where I could look for Princess Ariel?"

When I asked the maid who was guiding me, I got a reply saying "She is now inside Myne-sama's room.".

Eh? In my room?

Perhaps, she had been waiting there ever since?

If that was the case, I felt sorry if I were to go back right now...

Then, after returning to the room I met a servant...

Hanging a storage bag on her right shoulder, she changed to an easy-to-move clothes, and Ary had a grinned smiling from end to end of her cheeks.

"Well then, Dear Brother! Let's go to your house!"

...Eh? What does she mean?

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"Well, Dear Brother-In-Law! Shall we!"

...Eh? What's happening?

"Previously, you've promised me! You said that you'll bring me to your house and play!"

Aah! I did recall having promise her that...

Though, it's already quite late? She wanted to head into the bath, so I assumed she won't immediately leave right after a bath?

"Ary, isn't it better to come at an earlier time? We could take our time is what I think..."

As I answered her, Waffle that was on my head was nodding his head in approval too.

Then, with a smile that looked exactly like Older brother-san and placed her right hand on my back, and with her other hand pointed at me with her index fingers and declared.

"It's alright! I'll stay for the night!"

Eh, eeeeeeehhhh!?

I haven't made a guest room for people yet though!

Would it be similar when Older brother-san came and visit, where I have to let him sleep on my bed...

No No no no, having another girl besides my wives sleep on my bed is a definite no!

Plus, it's a Princess!

I'll have to figure out a way to refuse this!

"Well, having a princess stay over, wouldn't you need an approval!"

"That's alright too! I've received permission from Mother-sama and Elder brother's!"

Wait! Older brother-san! Why did you approve of this!?

And Queen, wouldn't that be bad! Letting a Princess that is soon to be coming of age to stay at someone's place!!!

...If anything,

[If it's Brother-in-Law's [Myne] place then I'm sure it's fine.

Sylphy's there, and Aisha-dono's there too! What's more isn't it safer compared to here?

Worse comes to worse, if her condition is bad we have Aisha-dono, and Brother-In-Law [Myne] can contact us immediately too right."

Was what Older brother-san said.

...Wasn't Ary's condition weak to begin with? Would it be alright!?

"No No No no no! A bed, YES! There's no extra beds!

Our home isn't that huge to begin with, so we don't really have a room for a royalty to stay!"

If it's this, how's that!

If it's a girl that is marriageable, it must be tough for her!

"It's alright! I have placed a bed inside my storage bag!

Only when I'm sleeping in the same room as elder sister-sama, will I use it so it's no problem!"

Sylphy's room... but, wouldn't the Princess's bed be really huge! I don't think it's possible to fit such a huge bed in such a compact house!

"We don't have enough space to fit a bed that is put in Sylphy's previous room!"

"Again no worries! I've already confirmed with elder sister-sama the other day!"

...Everything is as planned huh.

While thinking of other excuses to give her, Ary then went in front of me and stared at me.

"...Does brother-in-law, hate me?"

Her eyes were about to burst into tears as she was saying those words.

...This is, bad.

"...Then shall we, Ary..."

"Thank you! brother-in-law!!"

Waffle was patting on my head as usual to comfort me as we went back to my house with the [Unique Magic-Spacetime].

In contrast to me who was feeling down, Ary was hyped and smiling brightly.

While showing the opposite facial expression, the two of us dived into the black vortex.

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"Welcome back, Myne."

The first person to greet me was Aisha.

And shortly after I came out, Ary came flying out of the black vortex.

"Good Evening!"

Aisha was puzzled for a moment from the appearance of the princess, but soon after greeted with "Good evening, Princess Ariel." with a smile.

Seeing such scene, Waffle who was on top of me suddenly jumped off from my head and ran.

Then, he jumped towards the shadow behind Aisha.

"Wafu!"

"Kyaa!"

Hm, Who?... Wait Amy-san!?

Why was Amy-san here? Thinking such, I looked at Aisha.

"Before the Clan House is complete, I should stay at your place for the time being, didn't Myne-kun said so?

Thus, I tried inviting her over to stay."

I see, it is certainly a good idea.

Even if it's the clan, our family will end up being together with her, so it wasn't a bad thing for her to get to know the atmosphere of our house in advance.

"...By the way, why is Princess Ariel accompanying you for today?"

Aisha asked while looking at my face and Ary's face alternately.

"Ufufu, I came to play as promised! The preparations to stay is also perfect!"

Eh? Which meant, I hurriedly looked at Aisha's expression.

"...Yes, seems like it.

I'll have to tell Sylphy?... Wait where's Sylphy?"

Now that I looked around, Sylphy isn't here? What's the matter.

"The Princess, she has not come back from the Craftsman-san's place yet. Perhaps because it was a meeting with Mage Architects, it might take some time."

...Was what she replied.

The Mage Architect might be troubled over the addition of the 3rd floor...

"...Well then, shall I cook dinner?

Before Sylphy comes back, we should make a hot dinner for her to quickly eat."

I agreed with Aisha's proposal as I decided to cook dinner for the first time in a while.

"...Brother-in-law, can you cook?"

"I can, but not as good as Aisha."

"...That's amazing! Amazing!!"

...Eh? Where did Waffle went?

Speaking of, Amy-san suddenly appearing, I guess he was rushing to see Amy-san... Aah, Waffle is crawling on top of her head...

...Well, I guess Waffle took a liking to Amy-san? Though the usual Amy-san was dizzy on her feet.

[Waffle, for the time being, I'll leave it to you.]

[Wafu! Leave it to me!]

Leaving Amy-san and Ary to Waffle, Aisha and I head towards the kitchen. I hope the level of [Cooking] increases today...

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The meeting took longer than what I'd originally thought. After all, it was quite hard to redraw something from scratch.

"I'm home."

When I returned home, I got up to the front door and I was greeted by an unexpected voice.

"Welcome home! Elder sister-sama!"

"!? Why are you here Ary!?"

"Brother-in-law brought me here! So I'll be staying tonight!
I brought a bed too! Elder sister-sama, I want to hear a lot of stories from you tonight!!"

...Aah, I see.

Did she follow Dear husband home from the royal palace?

Until now, because of her body, she could rarely go outside.

If husband's skill could move around without consuming stamina, it might be a good change.

"I see, good job coming.

I don't mind sitting up late at night talking but don't strain your body okay."

As I was talking, I entered the house together with Ary.

Then, in the living room, it wasn't a family, but an unexpected person.

"Sylphiette your highness, sorry for disturbing your night.

I was invited by Aisha so I will be staying the night with you from today."

Letting Waffle sit on top of her, and the person who was talking was none other then the elf Amy-san.

...Fumu, seems like tonight's gonna be a fun night.

"By the way, where's husband and Aisha?"

"The two of them are cooking dinner together! I wonder if they're almost done..."

Before Ary could finish talking, the two of them came to the living room with cooked meals.

"Welcome back Sylphy.

Good work as always, we've made a feast for tonight!"

Aah, I felt like I've come back to life after hearing husband's voice.

Well then, let's start eating their cooking that they take pride in!

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Me and Aisha's cooking abilities were being carried throughout the kitchen.

It wasn't just us family alone, but 2 guests that were staying over for dinner, thus we put in our utmost efforts into making an excellent dish for them.

...As a result, my [Cooking] abilities had risen to level 3!

Well, it wasn't as great as Aisha's cooking where she makes our meals everyday. Though, even if it wasn't the greatest, but Aisha complimented my dish as she said it was delicious.

As expected, I'll get fired up after being complimented! Thus, I wanted to cause her less trouble by improving my cooking skills even more.

"This is incredible! This, is this really the work of Brother-In-Law and Sister-In-Law Aisha?"

Looking at the dishes being arranged neatly, Airy shouted excitedly. Yes, if she was this happy then it was worth the effort to cook them!

"Fumu, it looks like the both of you put in extra effort in making these...

It seemed like Dear husband has improved yet again, I guess it is necessary to memorize more dishes..."

"Dear Sister, cooking isn't the same as sword fighting you know? You use a knife okay, a knife! Do you understand dear sister?"

Uhmm, Ary...

Even if it's Sylphy, I'm sure she knows what a knife is?

I don't think she'll actually use a sword to cook, makes me wonder what she actually thinks of her sister as...?

...Nn?

Aaaaaahhh! Waffle!!!

I wasn't sure if he was hungry, or he couldn't wait any longer, but Waffle's mouth was overflowing with drools!

His tail was even more vigorous than usual as it was swinging like crazy.

This, I guess we should hurry up and start eating!

"Since Waffle can't wait any longer, let's start eating!"

After declaring as such, all of us sat down and started praying to God. After we prayed, we started eating the delicious dishes on the table.

"This is delicious!!"

"Un, as expected!"

"...This is really delicious."

There were a few compliments flying around, which made Aisha and I high fived without thinking.

"Myne-kun, aren't you glad!"

"Yes! Because Aisha has taught me various techniques!"

I'm glad that Ary and Amy-san were enjoying it this much, this was a huge success indeed.

"Wafu!"

Yeap, Waffle looked extremely satisfied too!

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The huge amounts of food that were there were now cleanly swept away, and now we were drinking our after dinner tea whilst enjoying ourselves.

"Dear Sister, I want to try the rumoured bathtub!"

While drinking her tea, Ary faced towards Sylphy's direction and started having a conversation with her.

...Ah, I see.

Now that she'd mentioned it, brother-in-law-san was the one that mentioned about the bathtub to everyone.

Even though I did not mention it to anyone whatsoever, but apparently everyone just loves to take a bath!

"...The rumoured bathtub huh?"

I guess she reacted to the word bathtub.

Previously, she was quietly listening to our conversation, but after hearing the word bathtub, Amy-san decided to participate in the conversation too.

"Yeah! This house's bathtub feels even better than a royal family's bathtub! Even Elder brother Alto was praising it. Thus, I'm looking forward to it!"

"It feels... even better than the royal family's !?"

Oh, Amy-san was curious...

"Myne-san, Ca, may I enter too?"

"Of course it's an okay! Then, I'll go and heat it up first!"

Since everyone was looking forward to it, so yeah. Let's quickly boil the water up.

Well, since it isn't an ordinary bathtub, it would boil quicker than normal!

As I got up to walk towards the bathroom, Waffle also followed suit.

[Wafu! Bath-!]

[...I'm only going to boil it, so you can't immediately enter okay?]

[...] [Besides, we have guests with us today.] [...] [Probably, Sylphy and Ary would enter together, and Aisha and Amy-san would enter too? So I guess Waffle and I would enter afterwards?] [...] [Hmm, what's wrong? Waffle.] Waffle completely stopped moving, and his tail was hanging down. [Myne, my turn, is it the last?] [Yeah, that's probably it, isn't it?] [...] [Waffle?]

[Then, I'll join with Sylphy!]

Eh?

While I was confused, Waffle went back to the living room.

Does he like bathing so much that he wanted to get in as soon as possible, Waffle...

Waffle went back to the living room alone? Since he left, I headed to the bathroom by myself.

As usual, I took out [Constant: Water], [Constant: Heat] stones from the storage bag, and placed it into the dent on the bath.

And as always, I pasted Water X5, and Heat X4 and waited for about 5 minutes.

After confirming that the bath was in perfect temperature, I returned to the lving room and told everyone that the bath was ready to go.

"Let's bath!"

[Sylphy, let's go~, Let's go to the bath~!]

Without getting ready at all, Waffle was bitting on Sylphy's clothes lightly while pulling her towards the bathroom.

[Wait, wait just a minute, Waffle. Let me go and get my clothes first.]

"Dear Sister! I'll go ahead first! Let's go Waffle-chan! Can you please guide me there?"

"Wafu!"

Listening to Ary's call, he let go of his mouth on Sylphy's clothes, and walked along with Ary with a pit pat sound.

The two wives and Amy-san that were looking at Waffle as they couldn't help but smiled.

After all, seeing Waffle would make you feel better!

I can't believe looking at this situation, you would not believe that he'd shielded me from the Black Dragon before.

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"...This is indeed a fantastic bathtub, it's totally different from the one in the royal palace!"

Ary leaked out such thoughts.

It's true that the hot water used was different from ordinary ones.

After coming out of the bath, energy was brought back in full and my fatigue has been lifted.

Maybe husband's skill were involved, but because of that we got to immersed ourselves in such a bath every single day which made us such fortunate people.

"Dear Sister, the dullness of the body that I felt all the time is disappearing as if it was

a lie to begin with...

What's happening? This bath... I can't believe it..."

Hmm? What's going on?

The reason why Ary had to stay shut-in in her room, was because of her unexplained condition that was affecting her body.

Although it wasn't anything life threatening, but she could still felt it, and even with a bit of intense exercise would cause her not being able to move.

...So she was saying that the unexplained condition on her body disappeared? Really, what on earth did our husband done in this bath?

"The hot water on this bath was put in by dear husband. I don't know the details, but... has it really disappeared?"

"Yes there's no mistaken, I feel like I would be able to sprint a 100 meters right now with my condition."

"I can't believe it, even though you've seen plenty of good doctors, you didn't feel better until now..."

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"Dear husband!?"

Hmm, I wonder what's wrong. Sylphy was calling for me in a state of panic.

Because Ary was inside right now, it was impossible to enter the bath so I replied to her from the changing room.

"What's the matter?"

"What sort of hot water did you put inside this bath!? Ary's weak condition has disappeared!!"

Sylphy who called me excitedly, surprised me as I stopped and think for a moment.

...The hot water of the bath, hot water... What on earth did I even put in?

I'm trying to remember... Aah!? It can't possibly be!

"Aaah, this water... is a magical water."

"Magical water!?... I've never heard of it before. What on earth is that?"

I see, since she can't appraise it thus she hasn't heard of it.

"Uhmmm, it's something like a normal water being mixed in with a huge amounts of magic... I guess?"

"Water mixed with a lot of magic..."

Although I'm not sure myself, but apparently Ary was healed thanks to the bath.

[Ary's body, is lacking in magic.]

Suddenly, Waffle cuts into the talk. ...Hmm? Wait! What did you just say!?

[Wh, what do you mean by that, Waffle?]

[From Ary, the magic that I feel, is extremely little. Probably, this bath, has made her absorb a huge amounts of magic.]

...Waffle unexpectedly gave a huge remark, and the movement of everyone who were there stopped.

Eh? Perhaps we finally know the cause of Ary's unexplained physical condition?

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Eh? Has he realised the cause of Airy's poor body condition?

[Waffle, what do you mean by Airy's mana?]

When asking Waffle for further details, it seemed that every living organisms be it large or small depending on the race, but all living organisms will have mana accumulated in their body.

When a certain amount of mana is reduced from within the body, it seemed that various obstacles would appear during your living activities.

For example, Dizziness–Shortness of breath–and Palpitations [sensation of your heart is racing and could be felt on the chest] are some of the symptoms said to appear.

Based on Waffle's perception, apparently Airy was holding 3/3 of a typical Hume's mana on her body.

She seemed to have suffered from a serious illness when she was young.

When she was young, she complained about being sick all the time, and it seemed that the organ that controlled her mana went wrong and that triggered the disease. Therefore, we might've reached a conclusion that it is the cause of chronic manaal deficiency.

[Waffle, you've done a huge deed!]

Yes, if this was really the case, no matter how much skilled doctor were to treat her, it would not do any good in recovering Airy's condition.

As they could not identify the cause of her illness.

Only when someone like Waffle who is a Divine Beast with incredible perception ability, that he would notice Airy's lack of mana in her body.

To begin with, we did not have this concept of someone having mana deficiency.

Thus, we couldn't tell.

[Then, has Airy been completely recovered?]

[I'm not sure~]

As Sylphy further asked, Waffle had a 'I don't know' expression. Well that was logical, as Waffle wasn't a doctor neither is he a healer.

"...For now, I'll head out."

If I were to hang around at the changing room, then Airy wouldn't be able to get out anytime soon.

Let's return to the living room for now.

When I went back to the living room, Aisha and Amy-san greeted me while carrying an anxious expression.

"What happened to the Princess?"

"...Uhm, I might have understand what was the cause of Airy's poor body condition."

Aisha obviously knew about Airy's chronic physical disorder and was always shut inside her room.

From what I said about "Understanding the cause of her poor body condition", I knew how severe those words could be.

Conversely, Amy-san who had just met Airy for the first time, she wouldn't know about the burden the royalty had been holding this entire time.

"What exactly was exchanged just now?" with a confused expression, she was listening on our conversation.

Thus I repeated the conversation we had when Waffle was telepathically explaining to us about the cause of her poor condition was due to the mana deficiency.

"Wa, wait just a minute!?"

While explaining midway, Amy-san cuts me off in a hurry. Hm? What seemed to be the problem? Did I say something strange?

"Myne-san, Waffle-chan... is a divine beast!?"

Ah, now I get it.

It was a secret that Waffle is a divine beast.

Amy-san, I accidentally thought that you knew about it this entire time.

...Well either way, since she's part of our Clan, sooner or later she would've known and it'll be bad to keep it from her anyways...

"...Yes, that's true.

Though, please keep this a secret from people outside of our clan. If something were to happen to Waffle, Fenrir-sama would not stay put with it."

As I finished saying, "I understand, I will absolutely not tell it to anyone" was Amysan's answer while repeatedly saying it with teary eyes while trembling.

Isn't she strangely desperate... I wonder what's wrong?

While finding it strange, I asked and I was reminded of the Divine Beast Ymir who completely destroyed the country of Wills.

...That's right, she knew about the strength of a divine best and thus was trembling in fear when seeing one in sight.

I was also shown of Fenrir-sama's might once, and it was an absurd amount of strength.

Even with that kind of power, to Fenrir-sama it was at the level of just *fooling around*.

Amy-san who had seen the full power of a divine beast would obviously be frightened by it, so it can't be help.

"You don't have to be so afraid, Waffle is as he is, an adorable creature. Same with Fenrir-sama, she's kind, and she isn't scary in the slightest bit!"

After finished talking, just in time, Sylphy and the excited Airy had just bathed and was returning to the living room.

"...Eh? Where's Waffle?"

"I immediately came to Aisha and the rest, so he might still be inside."

Amy-san who heard that, so she hurriedly head to the bathroom in order not to let the divine beast wait any further.

...As I said, she doesn't have to be in a panic.

"Aisha, please follow after Amy-san."

After saying so, Aisha walked to the bathroom at a quick pace.

"...What happened?"

Sylphy who didn't know of the circumstances had a strange look while asking. Fuu, this time I explained what happened just now in the living room to the both of them.

...It seemed like, I have been explaining quite a lot of things today.

"I see, well I heard that Ymir-sama's powers are indeed amazing. Seeing it in action, when being told that Waffle is a divine beast, she would be fearful towards him."

While relieved, Sylphy said as such while Airy participated in the conversation.

"But because of Waffle-chan, I now know understand the reason of my poor body! Though I do not know who Ymir-sama is, but I can 100% guarantee that Waffle-chan isn't scary whatsoever!"

As mentioned earlier, Airy is pretty favourable towards Waffle who identified the cause of her poor physical condition that she suffered for many years.

Well, Waffle's cuteness was originally taken from the cuteness of my wives.

"So, how's your condition right now?"

"Eeehmm, it's perfect! I feel extremely pleasant!"

With a full smile on her face, Airy answered back energetically.

If this were to completely heal her, that'll be great.

If there were people with similar symptoms besides Airy, it would be good news for them too.

I wish to help Airy too, but if there are others who are suffering then I would like to help them as well.

I thought so from the bottom of my heart.



"...Hawa~, this is really great..."

Amy-san opened her mouth wide while being astonished.

No matter what expression elves put, they would look beautiful, while thinking of such useless things, I looked at the bathtub.

...And Waffle made a *splash* while floating on his back.

"Wafu~\"

Yeap, he seemed to enjoy himself.

"...As per what Myne-san said about this Mana water, it certainly seems that there are dense mana mixed into the water.

If I'm recovering from fatigue or minor injuries, it would be cured just by immersing this bath."

"Ara? Can Amy-san detect mana too?"

"We elves are equipped with mana sensing abilities too.

So, elves who have been given magic related skills have amazing combat capabilities."

...Heh, I didn't know.

Well, even I had never paired up with elves before in my life.

"...Divine beast Waffle sama, please excuse me."

After Amy-san washed her body, she was afraid to enter the bathtub where Waffle was floating around.

"Wafu!"

Waffle raised one of his paw indicating his agreement to Amy-san.

Amy-san who did not receive the <Contract of the Divine Beast> could not speak with Waffle, thus he used his body language to speak?

While thinking about such things, I too talked to Waffle while soaking myself in the bathtub.

Ah, naturally I've washed my body too before entering!

"So how about it? Our family?"

In order to get used to us, I brought her here today.

If I don't hear what she has to say about it then there wasn't much meaning in inviting her over.

Waffle seemed to be slightly conscious... is he going to be alright?

"...Everyone was really kind to me, I'm very happy.

I wonder if it really is okay to be treated to such kindness."

"Myne-kun has already said that he will absolutely protect you.

So it's safe to say it's alright, plus there's such a cute divine beast in our home as well!"

"Wafu Wafu!!"

As I said so, Waffle raised his voice as if saying, 'Leave it to me'.

...Yes, I'm counting on you!

By the way, we have bathed for quite some time... won't he be soaking for a tad bit too long?

Anyway, looking at the innocent appearance of Waffle, Amy-san seemed to be getting used to him little by little, and she was even reaching to Waffle while caressing his head.

If she starts living in our home, Waffle might be able to resolve any bad conflicts with his warmth.

"If Amy-san has no problems, will it be possible for you to move to our home the day after tomorrow?"

Listening to my words, she replied "...Yes, please take care of me.".

Yes, with this—-I'm relieved!

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After Aisha and Amy-san got out from the bath and when I tried to take a bath, Waffle suddenly came out from inside the bath while *splish* **splash* walking around the floor.

[I'm feeling lightheaded.]

...It seemed that even Waffle would be lightheaded after soaking for so long.

While taking off my clothes, Waffle was wobbling around and suddenly jumped into the bathtub.

Obviously, water splashed all over me, but since I'm heading into the bathtub anyways so it wasn't a problem.

[Come here Waffle. I'll wipe you clean.]

I brought a clean new bath towel, and cover the head of Waffle while wiping clean Waffle, removing any wasteful moisture.

Waffle seemed to be in bliss while leaking out "Wafu~♪".

[Okay, it's done.]

After I took the bath towel he licked my cheeks all over before running towards the living room.

Well then, I could finally slowly soak in the bathtub.

There wasn't any intruder [wives] today. Waffle has also went out. ...I'm bathing alone.

Let's leisurely enjoy the bath.

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When I got out of the bath, Airy was listening to the meeting with my two newlyweds.

Before being caught up into this mess, I better escape to my room.

"Well then, I'll sleep now! Good night!!"

Aisha and Sylphy were looking at me begrudgingly but I pretended not to notice as I escaped quickly.

[Today, is Myne sleeping alone? If so, I'll follow too~!]

Waffle ran after me and quickly positioned himself on top of me.

...Somehow, the speed at which he rides on my head is getting fast, is it not?

With that, Waffle and I went into a deep sleep.

...I heard this later that Airy was pursuing them about our lives tremendously which kept them awake for the entire night.

It can't be help that Amy-san's face was dyed red in colour the next morning. Yes, even hearing about it my face turned red too...

You're truly scary, Airy...

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"Good morning!"

With the usual scene of Waffle riding on top of my head, we head over to the living room as Amy-san and Aisha were already there preparing breakfast for the family.

Eh, they woke up even earlier than me...?

My lifestyle pattern was always waking up earlier than my two wives and take a nice morning bath but today was somewhat different.

As mentioned before, yesterday night, Sylphy and Airy, Aisha and Amy-san stayed together at my wives rooms respectively.

My guess was that Aisha was probably influenced by how early Amy-san woke up, hence she woke up at about the same time as her.

Ah, just so you know, in honor of my wives I'll say this right now, but it's not that they oversleep all the time but it's more of me waking up too early that made it seemed like they usually oversleep.

Since I would have to hunt for my own food, I would often hunt in the forest before the sun rises.

Thus I would consciously wake up when the clock strikes.

"Myne-kun, morning!"

"...Good morning."

As soon as the two of them saw me and Waffle approaching they greeted us.

Nothing less from Aisha, but even Amy-san's skills were impressive to say the least. She should not have cooking skills but...

"Amy-san, your skills are impressive! Is cooking your specialty?"

As I asked, she shyly looked and simply answered with "Yeah, I've been cooking for the past 100 years".

...I see, she is an Elf. And she's 121 years old.

If she's been cooking for such an extensive period of time, even without the skill her skill would undoubtedly improve overtime.

Listening to the number 100 which defies our usual common sense, Aisha and I both smiled wryly.

"I wasn't able to return the favour yesterday, thus, I thought that today I shall show you my cooking skills to show my gratitude...

Our races might be different, but I hope that it would suit your taste..."

With low self-esteem words coming from Amy-san, Aisha shook her head while making 'pun pun' sound, she denied Amy-san's words.

"That's not true! Myne-kun, Amy-san's cooking are extremely delicious! So do look forward to it!"

If Aisha said so, I will surely look forward to it.

...Well then, what should I do.

If it was the usual, I would head to the bath right about now but...

While thinking about it, my line of sight had a Waffle on it, with a face as if he wanted to head to the bath right this instance while wagging his tail violently.

"Wafuu~~"

As if saying, you understood right? As I sigh at the appearance of Waffle, I spoke to Aisha.

"...Aisha, I'll be heading for a bath right now."

"Ufufu, Waffle seems to be waiting for you to say that, please do so then."

As expected, even Aisha understood that much. We lightly waved hands as she sent me off.

"Alright, Waffle. Shall we head for a bath then."

"Wafu!"

With that, Waffle and I spent our time soaking in the bath as our usual morning routine.

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"That felt great right, Waffle!"

"Wafu~♪"

Both Waffle and I were in a great mood as we returned from the bath as Sylphy and Airy were also in the living room.

Ehh? Though, oddly the two of them looked low in energy? ...Do they want to sleep some more?

"Morning, Sylphy, Airy."

"...Aah, morning dear husband."

"...Good... morning... Dear brother-in-law."

Hm? They don't seem to be bursting with energy. This isn't just an average thing? Let's ask them.

"What's wrong? Both of you seemed to be lacking of energy..."

As I asked, Airy's eyes were overflowing with tears.

Eh? Eeeehh?? Did I say something that might be unpleasant?

While frantically trying to calm down Airy who was crying, Sylphy spoke.

"Actually, Airy's body condition... resurfaced just this morning."

Eh? I thought that the mana water recovered her yesterday night?

(Waffle, what's the meaning of this?)

After asking Waffle, he stared at Airy to take a look.

(Airy's magic, has disappeared. It was the same as when she first came here.)

Huh? 'The same as is' meaning the mana supply that she accumulated from bathing has ran out?

...Hm? Though saying 'the same as is' meant that it did not decrease to a critical condition?

Hm, hm, hm...?

If that was the case, then translating it to an image, wouldn't that mean?

On top of a cup, there is a small opening hole, so even if you filled up the entire cup, the water would still leak out.

The water would leak out from the small gaping hole, after awhile it would not leak out anymore, and whatever was remained...

Applying that concept to Airy, that meant that there is a bad spot somewhere on her body, where the mana is leaking out from there.

However, for some reason, mana absolutely could not escape above a certain level.

Something along the lines as such?

Although it was just my imagination, perhaps it wasn't greatly different from it. I told everyone about what I thought.

"...I see, that would make sense if we think about it."

"The bath is heated right now, Airy, do you want to enter right now?"

As I asked, though slightly, but Airy energetically answered with "Yes~" and head to where the bathroom is.

"Dear husband, I'll follow and bring Airy there. Though she should be fine, but I'm still worried."

As she said so, Sylphy hurriedly catched up to Airy and walked to the bathroom.

It's her important little sister after all, so I do understand how she felt. Yesterday, when Airy's condition was better, the one who was the happiest was probably Sylphy.

"Aisha, Amy-san... Could we wait on the meal for a little while?"

Even though the both of them went out of their way to make breakfast for us, as I bowed down...

"Of course it's not a problem! I should be apologizing instead!" Amy-san said as she bowed her head down for some reason.

We waited for Airy and Sylphy, after about 10 minutes.

The both of them came to the living room from the bathroom. Looking pale, their footsteps are lightly felt.

"...How was it?"

As I asked the both of them...

"It might be just as brother-in-law-sama guessed!

After heading in the bath, my condition gradually went away!"

Airy's face were red, as she energetically answered.

"Better than yesterday, where it took a shorter amount of time to get out. If it's just as dear husband guessed, her mana would leak out faster."

Yeah, just as she thought.

If the time it took for mana to accumulate was short, then the speed which it disappear would be faster.

Let's wait awhile and take a look first, if her condition worsens then... the reason for her condition would be just as I described.

Plus, if her body worsened quicker than usual, then it would be a fact that my theory would be spot on.

"Well then, let's finish our meal for the time being!" Aisha brightly declared.

"Yes!!"

She was in a good mood because her physical condition has improved again. Airy raised her hands and responded to Aisha's words.

"Alright, let's pray to God."

With that, we all sat down and started our breakfast.

"Dear brother-in-law-sama, brother-in-law-sama!"

The moment we started our meal, Airy started talking to me.

"Hm? What's the matter?"

"Just now, when we were in the bath, I talked with elder sister-sama!"

With Sylphy? What did they talk about?

"If, what brother-in-law-sama said was correct then...!"

"Uh-huh."

"Then I wish to also join brother-in-law-sama's clan!"

...Eh?

"I was the one who proposed.

In order to recover Airy's physical condition, she would have to come to enter our home's bath.

If that's the case, the distance between the royal palace and to here would be a

problem.

Plus, calling dear husband to get her everyday would be troublesome...

Thus I thought of just letting Airy stay here for the time being."

"No no no no, we couldn't afford Airy to fight all the time!?"

"She doesn't have to fight anything.

As Airy has <Training> and <Memory>.

I think it would be nice to have her do it inside the Clan."

...No, what should I do.

I'll have to protect Amy-san too, thus thinking about Airy's safety is...

Ah, wait a minute!

"That's right! She doesn't have to come all the way to our house, I could just bring the mana water over to the royal palace..."

Before I could finish my words, Airy had tears forming on her eyes as she held my hands.

...Ah, these tears... I remember it...

"...Does Dear brother-in-law-sama, really hate me that much?"

...I knew she was gonna say that!

This is impossible, I can't win against Airy with tears floating on her eyes...

"I got it okay... but, please go back and ask permission from the King and Queen..."

"Thank you! Dear brother-in-law-sama!!"

Again, Waffle was patting on my back as if comforting me.

Eventually, Airy's condition went back to before, which proved that my theory was right.

Though, despite having a bad physical condition, Airy had a full smile on her face.

...Is this alright? With this...

Chapter 116 Side Story: Waffle's Dream

"Mom, when are you coming back?"

"Let's see my dear, probably around 2~3 days. As always, stay at home and protect the home while I'm away. If you're good, I'll bring lots of delicious honeys for you to eat."

Mom is a Divine Beast Fenrir that was given life by God. And I am one of her 3 sons and also the eldest out of all three.

Speaking of Divine Beast, they're really strong and great you know! There are only 10 of them in this world!

Between mom and Uncle Jormungand, and her younger sister Aunt Hel, mom is the strongest!

And also, Uncle Ymir, was proud that he could destroy the nation of human being in a flash.

It was momentarily, but he had hurt other races too, when I heard from it from mom, she was angry.

"For god's sake, you don't know the meaning of moderation huh!"

Uncle Ymir couldn't lift his head up in front of mom as he desperately pleaded with "No, that was...".

Oh, just so you know, out of all the Divine Beasts, mom is the greatest. Uncle Jormungand is the greatest out of all the Dragons. Aunt Hel is the greatest out of all the Demons. And Uncle Ymir is the greatest out of all the Giants.

How's that! Everyone is outstanding, you know! They're amazing right!

...But, I... am slightly bad when it comes to Aunt Hel. Aunt Hel is persistent when she gets angry.

Before this, when God sent food to us, Uncle Jormungand ate it all by himself. Mom and Aunt Hel was really really mad at him.

...This is a secret, but I was afraid too at that time, I was really scared...

And then, mom was only furious at that moment, but as for Aunt Hel, whenever he looked at Uncle Jormungand, she would immediately get angry at him.

Uncle was really pitiable.

When I talked to mom about it, she answered with "It's Jor's fault" and immediately sided with Aunt Hel.

Uncle Jormungand has already reflected on his action, so please just forgive him!

Hence why I'm bad when it comes to Aunt Hel. ...Ah, this is a secret, okay? If it was revealed, I'll be in lots of trouble.

Since mom was suddenly called by God, she has to leave for $2\sim3$ days. If I be a good boy and protect the house, I'll be promised with a ton of Royal–Honey which is said to be the most delicious honey.

It is a rarely-eaten feast, so I'll be a good boy and guard the house!



After mom went to where the Gods were, the 3rd day. She should be coming back today! I can finally eat my Royal-Honey!

My younger brothers are all looking forward to it too... Eh, wait a minute? They're not here?

Where did they went? If they don't be a good boy we can't have any Royal-Honey you know!

Don't tell me they're playing around outside? Even though they've promised mom, that is bad! "Waffuu~~~~~~"

Hm? It's one of the brother's voice, sounds like his crying! What happened!? Let's hurry to where the sound was heard.

"Wait for me! Big brother will come to you now!"

Afterwards, the place I arrived and saw...

...Was humans capturing my two younger brothers.

Why are humans wandering around here!?
And this is the first time seeing so many humans!

The younger brothers are being forced to wear some black-like collars. Is it because of that, that they could not fight back?

"Oh, there's one more there! It's a rare wolf huh, it's gonna sell for a hella lot!!"

That's what the humans said.

He wants to capture me too huh! I won't let you do that!

"Gau!"

I faced the humans and used the skill [Great Roar (Howling God)].
This is a skill that stops the opponent's movements regardless of the level difference.

" " "Wh, what's this!?" " "

The humans, after they can't move I closed in the gap with [Good Legs] and used [Twin Strike of the Divine Beast].

With this attack, I was able to kill half of the humans who were there.

The other half, wait for me! Big brother will save you soon!

"Oi, chibi! Capture him now!!!"

Hm? The humans are commanding my younger brothers? That's stupid, my brothers would not heed such orders!

...But, contrary to my expectations, my brothers cried while they attacked me.

[Big brother I'm sorry, I'm sorry.] [Big brother, run away, run away.]

Wafu! If my younger brothers come, I can't do anything...

I was restrained by my younger brothers in a blink of an eye.

The humans came close to me quickly and placed the same black-like collar on my neck.

Hm? Eh... this is weird, my body won't do as what I say. It's because of this black thing?!

After the humans saw I could not move, I was immediately kicked.

"Gyaan!"

[[Big brother, big brother]]

I could not resist and I was being hit on the ground many times. Damnit, I would never lose against these guys...!!

"Tsk, giving us so much trouble... How many were killed?"

...While trampling on me, he was talking to another human.

"7 people."

"I wonder if there are anymore hidden behind the depths of this cave, go check it out. To be sure, bring two of them over."

The human brought my younger brothers and entered our home.

Damnit, damnit, even though I've promised mom... I am, ashamed of myself...

...Tears fell from my eyes.

After a while, the humans came out of my home and spoke to the man who was stepping on me.

"There's nothing inside.

Capturing 3 of these rare wolves, Claude-sama will be delighted.

Let's just go already."

The humans did not put us together, instead they placed us in different baskets as they lifted us.

Damnit, they're gonna take us of somewhere.

Even if I tried resisting, my body won't listen to what I said, my body can't do anything without permission.

Mom, I'm scared, save me...

Won't I never see mom again.

...As I was giving up.

"U0000000000000!!!!!"

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It's mom! Mom's here!!

"Wh, what the, what is this howling!?"

The humans were surprised as their feet stopped... The body of several humans who were behind were torn apart and fell down on the spot.

"Wh, what's going on!"

Two more humans floated up and crumbled down as well as being torned apart.

Wafu! As expected of mom's [Twin Strikes of the Divine Beast] , it's completely different from mine!

"Humans, my children, where do you think you're bringing them?"

Afterwards, mom appeared in front of the humans.

"Kuh!? It's their parents!!"

While shouting something, I saw one of them throwing something to mom.

But, such an attack can't go through mom!

As expected of [Gravitational Demon Eye], the things thrown by that human were shamelessly beaten down.

When mom came, you guys would never win anymore!

"It, it's a monster! Everyone, run!"

The humans turned their backs at once to mom and ran away.

...Such stupid humans, there is no way of escaping from mom!

Mom used [Twin Strikes of the Divine Beast] and striked at the backs of the humans one after another.

Even though I was bathed in blood, mom continued killing them without mercy.

Yay, only 3 more of the,!

My brothers were also relieved to see mom's appearance. It's almost done! We're almost saved and return to mom's side!

"You humans! My children, returned them at once!!!!!!"

"Do, don't move at all, you damn creature, don't you dare attack us. If you move even a little, yo, your children's life will be gone!!!"

"Don't fuck with meeeeeeeeeeee!!!"

The humans heard my mom's roar and was surprised and shakingly pointed a weapon against me with his trembling hand.

"Kvaaauuu... n"

Ah, I'm gonna die...

I'm sorry mom, I could not keep my promise.

I'm so sorry that I wasn't a good boy and stayed at home and protect. ... Aah, my consciousness is steadily fading.

...My body... ca... n't... mo... ve... any... more... Go... od... by... e.

"Yo, yo you get it!? If you defy us, the rest of your children will turn to this too. So, wait over there and let us go quietly!!!! Is that clear, your children is cute [?] then you should listen to what I have to say!"

...Eh, I'm not dead yet... isn't dying painful, is it not? What is this, white smokes are coming out of my body, the scar is gone?

What on earth is happening?

I did not know what happened to me, while I was being surprised a human jumped out of the bushes.

Another bad guy came! Was what I thought, but he wasn't a bad person.

He helped me and my brothers with some skill on the bad people who caught us! And he gently brought us to mom.

This human helped us!?

"...Fumu, you're clearly different from those scums.

First off, allow me to say my gratitude. For saving my children, I thank you wholeheartedly.

Even healing my stabbed child. It was by you too right?"

I see! So he was the one who healed my wounds!

This guy must be a good person!!! He doesn't have a single bad person smell at all!!

I know! We should give something to the person who had just saved us.

Mom said this before.

If you get help, you must always return the favour...!

I thanked him by rubbing my face under his feet.

"My children, seemed to be showing their gratitude towards you too."

Ou! Just as mom said, we're really grateful.

While gazing at his face, he gently lifted me up.

"It hurts right, I'm sorry."

I don't know what you're talking about, but I think he's apologizing to me. You shouldn't be the one apologizing! I will lick your face, so don't make such a face!

...This was my encounter with Myne.

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It's finally time to part ways with Myne.

He said that he would come and visit us, but I was really sad.

Myne is our benefactor and is a friend of mom.

He is always gentle with us, I love him.

[My friend, Myne. Our family will welcome you anytime.]

[Yes, thank you so much! I'll use [Special Magic-Spacetime] to drop by here soon so I'll surely come again!]

Wafuu~, Myne is leaving.

Myne entered the black hole and disappeared from our home. Seeing that, my body moved without permission.

"Wafu!"

As I regained consciousness, I jumped into the black hole and chased after him.

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"Waffle, hey Waffle!"

Someone was shaking my body...
I'm still sleepy...

"Waffle, I'll be taking a bath, do you want to follow?"

...A bath!?

I'm up, I'm already up! I love the bath!

Jumping out in a hurry, there was the face of Myne that I love. Without warning, I happily licked the cheeks of Myne.

...Aah, was that a dream just now. It was a dream of meeting Myne for the first time.

[Wafu! Myne! Bath! Let's go and bath!]

I'm a very happy person [beast].

Because I'm together with Myne that I love!

Chapter 117

Enhance Weapon - Enhance Weapons-

That lively slumber party? About a week has passed since that slumber party before our peaceful lives finally returned.

...Well then, what happened to everyone after the slumber party.

First, Amy-san returned to the Guild.

After experiencing first hand of our home during the slumber party, Amy-san officially announced that she was going to move from the Guild to our home.

As a result, Amy-san gathered up her baggage and decided to move in.

However, there seemed to be procedures in the Guild and interactions with the Royal Palace. As for when will she be moving in, it is expected it would take about 1 to 2 weeks.

Other than that, Airy also reluctantly returned to the royal palace.

For her, if she was able to obtain the permission of the King and Queen, then she would be officially welcomed to our Clan.

However, even if she'd gotten the approval, she would only be able to come after the Clan House is built, so it will be a long way before that occurs.

And finally, as for us...

First up, I cleaned up my home thoroughly.

Reason being Amy-san needed a secure room to live in.

And after finished cleaning up the room, Sylphy said that she wanted to have a *date* with me.

As mentioned, I explained that I've went with Aisha to the Labyrinth of Power as a date.

Thus, she strongly insisted that she wanted to do the same thing, so I had to go to the Labyrinth of Power again with Sylphy.

Finished exploring the dungeon at about the same time as last time, I decided to slowly rest my body after coming back home.

Thinking for a bit, I've gotten a lot of Skills, and had always been busy.

Thinking that having a break is necessary once in a while, I've gotten the approval of the entire family to take our time for today.

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And thus we have taken a break for almost a month.

It was time to think about what we should do next.

First thing that came into mind was the request from the royal family to the "Eternal Sunflower".

The objective was to search for newly discovered dungeons and destroy their cores.

Originally, I planned to start immediately, but priority came to securing Amy-san's safety first.

Will there be an attack since I waited for the completion of the Clan House and Amysan's safety?

Though it is a new dungeon, it should not be a huge issue, but it is still a dungeon nonetheless.

Plus, it should be best to think that it might take some time to complete a dungeon.

Next would be... enhancing my beginner weapons.

As my wives knew about my skills, there wouldn't be a problem even if I talked about the details of the weapons.

It wouldn't just be a dagger, but also a bow and a one-handed sword are in my hands, so it wouldn't be bad to get a head start on that first.

Plus the number one objective is to capture the "Labyrinth of Prison".

It would be a valuable opportunity to gain some rare dragon skills.

Dragon Race that had their freedoms stripped, as per what Jormungand-sama said. But, he did say something else too.

"I do not mind you killing, but do not let them kill you." was what he said.

...That was to say that it was necessary to fight, although it was against a Dragon Race with handicap.

If I were to challenge the "Labyrinth of Prison", I would have to raise the level of [Appraisal–Complete] for the moment.

If possible, I would like to cut out race skills as it is too painful.

...And, at the same time, while fighting against a Dragon Race, it would be necessary to acquire the abilities to win against them.

Thinking along the lines of that, it should be expected... that I should accumulate more power before facing against them head on.

Thus for now, which should I decide first?

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"...And so, I'd like to decide on our next objective!"

Waffle was sitting on my head as I started talking.

"Yeah, I've taken enough of rest, it is time for us to start moving!"

"Fumu, I have to get used to the skills I got from dear husband, am I right?"

"Wafu!"

Since it was an unanimous agreement, I took out my "Beginner Dagger", "Beginner One-Handed Sword", and the "Beginner Bow" from my storage and place it in front of everyone.

"Eh? Are these... weapons brought in the Town of Adol?"

"Hm? I see, these were the weapons that you were talking about? Though, All I could

see are the horns of rabbits, wouldn't the performance be a tad bit low?"

[Wafu!! It's an Enhance Weapon!!!]

...Eh? What's that?

[...Waffle? Are you talking about the weapons? When you said that "Enhance Weapon".]

[I was surprised too, it is my first time seeing it!

Probably, This, is what Aunt Hel said about a weapon that grows along with the user.]

...Aunt Hel??

[Who's Aunt Hel?]

Did he meant by the Divine Beast Hel!?

[Mom's... little sister?]

!!!!!

What Waffle said was, a weapon that God bestowed to the Humans as a trump card to slay the Demons.

By collecting materials and train daily, the weapon would grow into a strong weapon.

As it could be evolve multiple times, it is a weapon stronger than any existing weapons called a *Artifact Weapon* as it could grow in many stages.

When I saw it for the first time, I bought it because I felt something, but that it was such an amazing thing...

"...That, is that kind of weapon huh..."

After listening to Waffle's explanation, Sylphy held the "Beginner One-handed Sword".

[I heard that this black thing could be found in the dungeon.]

Aah, I remembered the blacksmith of Adol mentioning this before.

As trying to enhance an Artifact would require a lot of materials, so it was awfully tough.

As there were a large number of people who gave up and gotten frustrated, God decided to increase the number of people who could create it, the first weapon, would be scattered on the ground.

If more people obtained it, then more people could finish it.

"...Thus, I would like to do my best in completing this weapon, is that alright?"

As I suggested my opinion, Aisha and Sylphy both nodded in agreement.

"In all honesty, I used to go to the Labyrinth of Power before to hunt for Trolls. ...Well, it was actually one of the materials for growing this Dagger."

Name: Beginner Dagger

Materials Required: Troll's Leather X10, Iron Ingot X20, Advanced Manastone

Name: Beginner One-Handed Sword

Materials Required: Manticore's Leather X5, Iron Ingot X30, Advanced Manastone

Name: Beginner Bow

Materials Required: Manticore's Leather X3, Elder Treant's Material X10, Advanced

Manastone X2

I explained the materials required to the both of them.

"Fumu, couldn't you have bought the Iron Ingots from Craftsman-san?"

Sylphy came up with a thought.

Aah, I see! I could get my hands on some from Craftsman-san!

"...The advanced manastone had been obtained from the Cockatrice and the Troll Geyser... so isn't it a few more to go?"

Aisha also remembered about the Labyrinth of Power.

"...So, our objective is to defeat Manticores and Elder Treants."

Yeap, it seemed that I would be able to grow my weapons to the second stage earlier than expected.

Chapter 118 Leveling Up Alchemy

Just after showing my two wives and Waffle the "Beginner Weapons", the story progressed at a stretched.

After all, I've greatly realised that it wasn't a big deal to ask someone rather than thinking about it alone.

Although it turned out alright, but I wished that I've talked this out sooner.

...Well then, let's put aside my reflections.

First off, let's think about the weapons I should prioritized first.

I do have the *Lightning Edge*, worse case scenario I could just use Tyrving. ($\land \neg \neg \neg \neg \neg$ is the Jap katakana, and after searching high and low for this darn meaning, I have came to a conclusion it is this mythological weapon.)

Tyrving, the strongest dagger artifact that was created by God...

I'm not sure which would be the strongest, but from my experience of using Tyrving so far, it could be said that the weapon is OP [overpowered].

If you think about it like that, my current dagger would be lagging behind so there should be no problems at all.

Also, Sylphy owns a Rare-Weapon called the Lynus-Sword.

There is no mistake that that weapon is also a very powerful weapon.

The performance of the weapon itself was already amazing, but there is even a strong Martial Arts that can only be used after equipping it.

...If you think about it, the weapon is good enough that there isn't anything to upgrade, so let's postpone that for now.

From the above, what remained after the process of elimination is Aisha's weapon, that was, the "Beginner Bow".

However, out of the three kinds of materials required for the "Beginner Bow" and the "Beginner One-Handed Sword", one of the materials needed 2 monsters.

Which means, at the end it would be...

"Okay, let's make Aisha's bow first.

Since we need the *Manticore's Leather* for Sylphy's One-handed sword to upgrade so let's gather it as well."

"That's right, I agree with it.

If we think about the order in which we should upgrade first, I agree that Aisha would be the first to get an upgrade."

"Eh, Eeh? Are you sure we should start with me first?"

Aisha was refraining herself, but in the end she was defeated by me and Sylphy's remarks and answered tearfully with a "I understand", so it was decided that we should upgrade the bow first.

Even though she doesn't need to hold back at all.

"...By the way Dear Husband, I wanted to ask you one thing, after collecting the required materials, what must you do in order to upgrade the weapon?"

"Yes, that would be a little problematic as you would need the [Alchemy] skill. Previously, I've heard that Airy has the [Alchemy] skill, which made me remember these weapons...

The problem now is how much level must we increase for [Alchemy] to work."

"...Wait a minute, Myne-kun."

Aisha suddenly cut us off.

Hm? What's the matter... this is rare of her to do so.

"What's wrong? Aisha."

"Just now, what is the "Level" thing that you said just now?"

Eh? Haven't I told them about the Level system?
Which meant... That I've forgotten to tell them about the skill level too?

"...Haven't I mentioned about it before?"

"No, I've never heard of it either."

Aah, so I did not talk about it! I'm sorry, both of you...

Thus, I once again explained the [Appraisal–Total] skill to the two of them.

The concept of level, and the concept of skill levels.

Although they existed, but it can't be seen by normal standards, the both of them were shocked beyond belief.

"Th, then, what are our levels now!?"

Sylphy spoke while perplexed.

"Aisha is Level 43, I'm Level 63, and Sylphy is Level 69."

"Is that number high?"

"Brother-In-Law... was Level 43 from when I last saw him? The King was around Level 51 if I'm not mistaken?"

"My level is higher than both father and dear husband?"

"Remember the time when we hunted a lot of Slimes?

For Sylphy's case, the [10 times Experience] Skill that I took and pasted on you had a high effect.

The Labyrinth of Power that we went and defeated the Troll Magister also gave a huge sum of experience right?"

Sylphy was being taken aback with these unexpected answers.

[Myne, how about me, me!?]

[Waffle is now level 31.]

[I, am the lowest out of everyone! ?]

[For now, but I've put the [10 Times Experience] on Waffle so you'll eventually level up quickly from now.]

I wonder if Waffle was extremely excited after I explained about it, but his tail was wagging in a high speed, and was running around me.

"So, going back to the topic... I don't know how much level I would need [Alchemy] to be for it to work."

Returning back to the topic of the "Beginners Weapon", I explained to everyone that the skills ability changes as the skill level rises.

"I see... When I heard the story, I thought it would be as simple as bringing it to Airy and ask her to use her [Alchemy] skill...
It isn't as simple as that as I can tell..."

Sylphy muttered as such, folded her arms and started pondering.

From Waffle's story, the "Beginners Weapon" had different upgradable stages. ...Although this was my speculation, if we're talking about Artifacts, then the [Alchemy] level must be as high as it can to refine an artifact weapon.

If what I thought was correct, even though I don't know how many stages are there, but I think it is necessary to borrow the power of a high level Alchemist.

"...I get what you mean, so should we give up on making it then?"

Aisha asked.

"No, for now, we should slowly look for an Alchemist, so I think we should start collecting the materials first.

Then, once we find an Alchemist, we can ask him to help us make it!"

"I understand, then should we find the place where Elder Treants are inhabited."

After talking about it with Aisha, maybe her thoughts were settled, Sylphy cried out.

"...Dear Husband, if you're talking about a high-level Alchemist, there is but one person in mind."

...Who would that be?

I wonder if Sylphy thought of a person of the royal family?

"Really! ? If that's the case then he would be able to make Artifact weapons!"

While raising voices of delight, Sylphy showed a slightly troubled look and continued talking.

"But, he is a very tough person to speak with, he only accepts requests from his mother.

...No, I think it's better if you do not even meet him."

Only accepts requests from the Queen...

Well then, the possibility of me leveling [Alchemy] would be far better than requesting.

"...Is that so, so it's impossible to do it then."

"I don't think I could get a response that soon, but if I persuade it over time... then there might be a possibility...

Besides, there is also a way where I can just ask mother to ask him."

...Yeap, that's right.

If you know who to ask, then the person's feeling would change considerably too!

As for now, let's just look at it positively!

"That's right! If we give up from the beginning, then it would all be over."

"Yeah, we have not even gathered the materials yet, so there is no need to hurry. When I go to the royal palace, I would ask for an Alchemist!

If that doesn't' work, then I would consult with mother."

Plus, if it is the first stage, then we would probably not need a high level Alchemist to do so.

If that is the case, we could try asking Airy to do it.

Also, over time if she uses her alchemy skills plus the [10 Times Experience] pasted on her skills, then I'm sure her level would rise up considerably.

I'm sure if you were to make such an amazing weapon, the experience points earned would be something great as well.

If it all works out, there might be a possibility that Airy's level would bring us to the final stage too.

Anyhow, we should do what we can for now!

So first up, we should complete the Clan House before everything.

Chapter 119

Side Story: Receiving a request from the Guild...

"...Yeah. We would've known without you telling us in the first place though."

We're a B rank Adventurer party called the "Soaring Wind".

From the Guild's request, we were hired to confirm whether the rumour about whether the demons had started an invasion in this country.

If the rumours were true, our objective then is to investigate the current situation of the Oose Kingdom and protect those who can still be rescued.

We, the "Soaring Wind" have the so-called standard, 6 people in a party.

The team consists of a shield role(*Tanker*), two attackers, a Explorer(*Seeker*), and a Magic User(*Caster*).

Long ago... let's see, this members has been active for more than 5 years.

Huh? About me? Well, I'm an attacker of course, and the leader of this party.

This time around, there were two reasons as to why we accepted this dangerous request.

The first was, the rewards and Guild Points were too amazing to pass it.

This request would be a long-term constraint as it seemed that demons were involved, but never have I seen a request giving such a high reward.

If we were to complete this request, and gain the Guild Points, our Adventurer Rank would jump from B to A.

Normally, it would take a huge amount of Guild Points to hit from Rank B to A. Also, you must hold a consistent track record to be trusted by everyone.

Killing two birds with one stone... that was the reason why we took it as it was just too attractive.

...And, another one being.

To be honest, there was a huge reason why I wanted to come here.

The request that we received this time for the invasion of Oose Kingdom, it was one of our party member's hometown, the *Seeker*.

When he heard about his hometown being invaded, he just couldn't stay silent about it.

If we leave him be, he might go there all by himself, and since it's a good reward, we came here knowing of the danger.

Being together for 5 years and experiencing life and death situations, I would not let a friend of mine go through something alone and die by himself.

"After this cliff, we should be able to see the town of Mildo."

After the Seeker dude said that, he walked to the edge of the cliff in a fast pace. Then, overlooking below the cliff, Seeker raised a sharp voice before falling down from his knees.

"...Th, This is..."

Losing his voice, we ran towards Seeker who was kneeling down at the edge of the cliff.

Then, what we saw was...

"Wh, what's wrong... I'm sure the Town of Mildo is just after this clif."

Whether he noticed that we were next to him or not, Seeker's voice leaked out.

The spectacle that spreaded under our eyes was the ruins of the once called the Town of Mildo being burned with a large flames.

"...This is really bad." I unconsciously muttered.

Looking at it closely, the buildings in the town collapsed everywhere, and it wasn't easy thinking that a town became like this simply because of a fire.

"Hey, Leader... this must be because of the Demon invasion, right?"

The Tank in our member started asking me.

"...Yeah, I can't make a confirmed decision... but the possibility is quite high. What's more, judging by the looks of it, it seemed like no one's alive..."

After saying so, Seeker trust his fist angrily onto the ground.

"Why! Why Why Why!!!" While screaming, he continued punching the ground. His fists ripped, and blood were scattered everywhere, but he did not stop.

I was looking at him for a while, but Tanker thought this was getting out of hand, thus he pulled his arms away.

"...I know how you feel right now, but you better stop doing that right now."

I left the crying Seeker to Tanker, and Caster started discussing about our next objective.

Speaking of Caster, he is the most thoughtful and calm in making judgements among all of us.

"What should we do right now?"

"...Let's see, there is no doubt that the Demon Invasion existing is most likely the case. What I mean by that is whether we should pull out from here onwards."

"Hmm, that is true... About the survivors, what are your thoughts for that?"

"To be honest... this is hopeless, because that's the way it is. Though, it will be worth searching further into this.

If there are any survivors... and we did not search for them, then they would truly end

up dead."

...Well, that is true too.

Either way, the Guild did request for us to rescue any remaining survivors.

"Okay, let's hurry up and find them then. Let's rescue them even if there's only 1 survivor left."

Making our decisions, I ordered them, and Seeker who had been crying until now was the first to rushed to the site of the Town of Mildo.

"Ooooi, I didn't ask you to go alone!"

There might be some Demons still lurking around. Moving alone is definitely bad.

Hurriedly, we ran and chased after Seeker.



"How is it, anyone?"

"There's nobody..."

We have been walking around the town searching for people for almost 2 hours.

When I looked at it from the top of the cliff, I couldn't quite make it out as it was too far, but a lot of bodies were rolling throughout the site of the Town of Mildo.

Elderly men, young women, small children...

They would've lived happily if not for the invasion of those Demons.

Every corpse seemed to be suffering with a despairing expression.

Plus, the body of the women were gathered into one pile, and there were traces of marks, indicating that they were abused.

"This is painful but... let's withdraw for now."

In a desperate fashion, I called out to Seeker who was still searching the town through and through.

Then, Seeker suddenly cried out loud!

"...I, I can hear someone!... Leader, I can hear someone's cry!!"

"What!? There's still a survivor!!"

We who heard his voice drew attention to this all at once.

"...Over there!"

Seeker ran towards the person who was weeping. Naturally, we followed behind him immediately.

"I can hear the cry from here! Oii! Are you alive! Can you hear me!! We're coming over to save you right now!!!!!"

Certainly, from the back of a collapsed building, I could hear a small child crying. We split up and started removing the rubbles.

If the rubble collapses, there would be no child anymore.

We carefully and quickly proceeded with removal work.

...Around 40 minutes have passed since then.

Finally, we were able to save a girl that looked around 5 years old from the collapse rubbles.

...It's probably the father's child.

Hugging the girl, a man who took his last breath was also discovered from within the rubble.

We quietly gave a silent pray to the father who desperately protected his child from the debris.

"...Papa! Pa paaaaaaa——-!!!"

The girl whose face was smudged with soot screamed at his already cold father.

I won't forgive, I'll never forgive this...

I'm not the Seeker, but I will absolutely not allow the Demons to go scot free after doing such a horrific thing.

Tired of crying, we let the girl slept and left her to a healer, and we made tomb to bury his father who protected his child admirably.

"We don't even know his name, what a courageous man.

We promise that we'll take your daughter to the kingdom safely.

...So,... So, please be at ease... and rest.

And, I'll promise you.

Someday, your regrets... I'll definitely clear it up."

To the girl's father, and those who died in vain in this town, thus we decided to hurry back to the kingdom.

Chapter 120

CASE: Amy (1)

The burning flames followed me.

"Haah, Haah, Haah... P, pl... please help me..."

Being pursued by the flames, I desperately ran through the forest in the dark.

"...Haah, Haah, Aaah... it hurts!"

Not noticing the dent on the ground, my feet was caught on it, and I splendidly fell down to the ground.

Then, the flames circled around me, trapping me in.

...Ahh, is this where I'm going to die?

Having those thoughts, I closed my eyes as I welcomed death.

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"...Haah! ?... A, a dream?"

When I opened my eyes again, what jumped into sight wasn't the burning flames surrounding me, but a room, or more specifically one of the Guild's room that I was currently renting.

My throat was extremely dry, and I was drenched in sweat.

...My sleeping attires were sticking onto my skin and I felt disgusted by that sensation.

"Haaah, it's that dream again..."

My name is Amy.

Because of a certain disaster long ago, I was one of the few surviving elves, making us

an endangered species.

...Strictly speaking, I was among the upper class of the elves called the "High-Elf" but...

Originally, we elves, including the High–Elves were few in population to begin with, so there were only a few inhabitants.

And within that, High–Elves were even more scarce than elves.

As such, High–Elves were given an important role by God.

The Gods brought the "Mythical Tree–World Tree(Yggdrasil)" into this world to stabilize the climate and magic power of this world.

In order to not let the "Mythical Tree-World Tree(Yggdrasil)" wilt and die, we would take care of it.

Occasionally, we would look out for those who tries to steal valuable materials from the World Tree, and we have spent many years protecting it.

There are no race suitable for taking care of the World Tree as much as the High–Elves as they have a longer lifespan than any other living beings on this world.

Maybe it was thankful for their daily care on it, the High–Elves were given a special protection from the tree called [Blessings of the World Tree].

People who received the [Blessings of the World Tree] , would gain different effects depending on the person.

For example, the low combat abilities HIgh–Elves would obtain abilities that specializes in fighting against people who have evil intentions, or some would get Healing abilities... there were all different.

Though, when I received the [Blessings of the World Tree], the effects were unclear. It wasn't as powerful as the former, and wasn't a strong magic that could destroy opponents.

Though, there wasn't any doubt that I received the protection...

Hence why, even without strengthening my abilities with the help of the protection, I was able to put in more effort for the tasks imposed on the High–Elves.

As I was the daughter of the Chief of the High–Elves who guard the World Tree, I had the skills to protect the tree.

The skills which were [Magic-Recovery L] and [Alchemy].

Plus the [Unique Magic-Tree] that allows me to freely control the growth of trees.

This [Unique Magic-Tree], though limited ability wise, it could also be used for the World Tree.

In such circumstances, we, the elves were living our clam lives while under the protection of the World Tree.

However, we have always been targeted by the Hume Race.

If anything, the elves' appearance seemed to be said to be "extremely beautiful" in the eyes of the Hume Race, both men and women.

Many of them would capture us and sell us as slaves, as it exists in the outside world.

Just the other day, several elf women disappeared from the village. Everyone speculated that they were probably caught by the Hume race.

...Unfortunately, there were very few people with the power to defend themselves, so it wasn't unusual when we were caught in this manner.

I asked God several times why must we be put into such mess.

Though naturally, God did not reply to us even once.

After all, what we could do was to live quietly, just live, and not be found by the Hume.

...Hopefully, without anything happening, we could enjoy passing our time. Yes, everyday, hoping we could live another day.



And, the destined day arrived.

As always, I was heading to the World Tree to fulfill my day as well. As soon as I arrived at the World Tree, at that timing... that madness event begun.

At first, the King of the Hume race brought in hordes into our village.

We had people to fight but it was hard as we have few in numbers.

Also, due to differences in our combat capabilities, they were quickly defeated, and were captured by the Hume one after another.

I'll be caught at this rate!

My body desperately moved as I cower with fear, and hid myself in one of the many caves of the World Tree, waiting for time to pass.

But the Hume were greedy and stupid than I expected.

Nevertheless, they began to cut down the World Tree which was a gift sent from God to this world.

What was it?

Yggdrasil, by the hands of the Hume, were slowly chopped down and changing in shape.

If this continues, it'll be disastrous.

Taking care and protecting the World Tree is the proud role of us High-Elves.

Though, what can I do by myself.

I'm not good at fighting, and even with the protection I can't use it.

If I show up blindly like that, I would probably be caught and made into a slave.

...But, no precisely because, I could not allow the Hume race to have their way towards the World Tree.

I embrace my trembling self as I confirmed my resolution.

Now, it is the time to show what the prideful High-Elves are made of!

As I tried to jump out of the hidden cave with a strong determination in mind, what I saw in front of me...

A huge object whose entire body was shining in white (jesus?)... In my entire 100 years of living, this was the first time seeing such a huge figure.

At that moment, the situation changed drastically.

From the World Tree, slightly far away from the base of the Hume race, a silver giant suddenly fell from the sky.

"From the Gods, given by them, this World Tree, vulgarity, unreachable items.

I, the Divine Beast Ymir... given to life by God, has arrived, to completely annihilate everyone of you.

It is God's mercy, at the very least without suffering, I will kill all of you."

...The Divine Beast Ymir, that was what he clearly said.

As the legend used by the Gods, the Divine Beast who is said to have 10 bodies in this world.

The giant in front of me, one of the pillar of that Divine Beast... was it Ymir?

Ymir-sama squeezed the huge hammer that he had on his hand and wiped the whole area around him cleanly.

Birds chirping, the beautiful rivers flowing, and surrounded by beautifully cultivated trees, our village.

...The hometown of Elf is being destroyed.

Then, together with the Hume race, my brothers and sisters that were captured by them were wiped out of this world as well.

Today, what I witness with my eyes... the disappearance of my hometown, the appearance of my friends, and the appearance of the Hume race attacking, I've seen it all.

"How could this..."

Repeating in self-denial as tears flowed down from my eyes.

What the heck am I going to do at this point.

God, we... why must we received such harsh punishment!

"Answer me! WHY!? What did we ever do to you!!! GODDD!!!!!!"

My screams from within my heart was drowned by the roar of the hammer by Ymirsama, and he disappeared.

Then unexpectedly, fire started rising from our village, and it went to the forest.

One last time, I turned and look back on the World Tree.

"...I'll surely come back." I muttered as I ran away.

I have to escape from this scourge place, I have to survive!!

...I have to escape to a safe place before the fire spreads over here.

Desperately, I ran.

The burning flame came close to me.

"I cannot die in such a place! I'm alive because of everyone. I'll show you that I will live through this!!"

I was surprised by the sudden movement, neglecting my heart which was rampant, I desperately assert energy on my feet as I ran in fear.

...After running as fast I could for 5 minutes.

As expected I was out of breath, as I could see the flames catching up to me.

"Haah, Haah... P, pl, please help me..." unconsciously, a weak voice escaped from my mouth.

...My eyes were overflowing with tears.

"...Haah, haah, Aaaah... That hurts!"

Not noticing the dent on the ground, my feet was caught on it, and I fell down as is. Then, I was wrapped in flames.

"Nnn..."

...My eyes opened as I slowly got up.

Strange, why am I alive? I was definitely covered in flames... I should've died.

As evidence, the ground surrounding me was burned to the ground.

Why, was I alive.

I survived and not a single strand of hair was damaged.

I don't know what the heck happened.

Looking back at the direction in which i ran, that is, the direction where my village was, Ymir-sama's appearance could not be seen.

Perhaps, he went back after completely destroying everything.

With the little strength I have left, I will walk to where my village was.

What has become of my hometown.

I have to see till the end...

Chapter 121

CASE: Amy (2)

As expected of the Elf Village... it was literally wiped out of existence.

What remained was the ruined townscape, the remains of the house. The countless dead bodies of the Humes.

...That was all there is.

There might be some of us who escaped with good luck.

Though, the chances of many escaping were probably low.

Originally, our elf race have a low birthrate.

With the current situation, to foster a new life, I don't think we could have a new generation.

If there was such a possibility, the chances of the male and female elves meeting up again to make babies are low.

I'm sure that the babies that are born, would be mixed in with the other races blood.

Which meant that, pure elves would perish in the near future.

That's why I swore to the World Tree.

To live a little longer, and prove that the elf race still exists in this world.

Then, as long as I have a child, the future will be connected back at least.

As a pure blood elf, the possibility of being connected maybe lower, but...

But for that reason I need to leave, and stay at the town where Hume lives, and search for someone that I can trust.

...Though I think that there are no such person who I can trust in the Hume race, which

caused this tragic event.

And, I have a deep hatred towards them deep inside my heart.

Nonetheless, I would still need to find someone that I can trust fully.

The only races that elves could mate and leave their seeds are the Hume, Devils and the Demons.

There were some who mated with the Beast races before, but it was impossible to form a child.

Whereas for the Demon and the Devils, just being with them would tarnish the elve's pride.

Being the case, the Hume race was the only option left.

The Hume race had a chance and destroyed the seed of the elves.

How ironic was it that our seeds can't connect unless we rely on the Hume race...

Thinking about such things, I decided to prepare and go on a journey while being immersed in sentiment.

...Whether it was a good thing or a bad thing, our village which was located upwind, was not caught by the fire.

So it was possible to find something from the ruined village that could help me for the future trip.

First off, a magic item that was absolutely necessary for me from now onwards which was located inside my house.

If I could find this magic item, it would be possible to hide my appearance of being an elf.

Then, after an hour past, I finally found what I was looking for, the Bracelet type magic item and the magic filling tool.

With this, I would at least be able to travel outside.

Coming from my mouth unintentionally, a voice of relief leaked out.

...Though, I wasn't completely safe.

It's true that if I have this magic item, I could alter my appearance.

But, if the accumulate magic is dried up, it would lose its effect and I would return to my original appearance.

Thus, I would have to regularly resupply the magic into the magic tool.

If I missed the timing to resupply, something horrible might happen by then. Well anyways, by having this magic item, I would be able to live in other race's land.

After that, I took a storage bag and some clothes from my house and my neighbours house, and found a bow and a dagger for protection.

The preparation for departure steadily progressed, and all the preparations were finally completed at last.

It was already evening when the time came, so I decided to start leaving once sunrise arrives tomorrow.

...Tonight, I decided to sleep at my house which had been collapsed.

Even though it had collapsed and there was nothing left, it was still a place full of important memories.

Let's firmly burn these scene to my eyes.

And, remember it for life.

Together with the pleasant memories, the emotions of anger boiled up from within my heart.

I wiped my own tears over and over again while spending the last night in my village.

"...I'll definitely return once again."

Leaving words of determination again, I left my home for good.

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I decided to aim for a distant town as far as possible.

The further I move, the more people would come to know less of the tragedy that happened at the elf village.

And also, I thought that those who never met elves before will naturally increase.

...I'm sure no one would think I'm an elf.

I have the magic item, so there was no way of knowing, but it would ensure my safety to proceed with my plan.

I just thought that I should be careful.

On the way to the town, I used [Unique Magic-Tree] and [Alchemy] to create a lot of high-quality potions.

I would sell these on the way and earn some cash.

In addition, I made medicine that can make a figure appear transparent for a certain period of time and medicines that emit intense light when used.

Looking at it, I was a woman traveling alone.

Even if people don't know that I am an elf, there would come a time when people with evil intentions would appear.

Thus, I should move with extreme caution.

"Hou, onee-chan. You do have some high quality High-Potions right there. Alright, I'll buy it for 20 Silver coins."

At a town that I stopped by, a peddler who I met by chance bought a potion that I made.

I thought that it was a good opportunity, so I decided to collect various information by asking various things.

"...Thank you.

Oji-san, I'm sure you've been to many places since you're a peddler?

Do you perhaps know of a town where the public security is good and easy to spend the time there?"

"Oh I see, nee-chan. So you're thinking of migrating?"

"Yeah, as you can see, a woman all by herself.

If there is a town where I can live in peace, I'll definitely head there."

The old man thought for a moment and presented me 2 candidates.

"Let's see, it's a little far but you can go to the capital.

The king lives there, it's lively and the public safety is good as well.

Another would be the Town of Lucas?

Although it is not as crowded as the kingdom, but the security ain't baid and it's generally a relaxed town.

Gotta be these two."

Indeed, the capital certainly seemed like a good choice.

After that was, the Town of Lucas... was it?

"Thank you so much! Then, I'll go to the capital."

I bowed my head to the old man and went off.

...But, what was it? I felt somewhat uncomfortable about that old man.

Looking back to the bad feeling, I turned around to check the figure of the oji-san again...

However, I could not see the appearance of that old man.

Eh? What was that?

This is a good road with nice views.

I don't think I could lose sight of someone only after walking for a few meters.

...The bad feeling that I felt earlier grew stronger.

That old man, was he perhaps a bad person?

I should not doubt too much, but the other party is a Hume race.

It's better to be careful from now on.

I told him that I was heading towards the capital, maybe during the way he would cut me off from the road.

No wait, usually one would think I would stay in a hotel at this time?

Either way, I think that there was a high possibility that I'm still being watched.

Let's change the destination to Lucas.

Though money will be wasted, but I went and stayed in an inn and as I entered the room, I took the transparent medicine and left the town immediately.

With this, they probably wouldn't be able to search for me.

Well, since I've decided on it, it's time to start acting on it.

Going out of the inn, I'm now walking down the road where sunset could be seen. Of course, I continued to use the transparent medicine.

I also confirmed the way to the capital and Lucas at the reception of the inn, and they told me to go to the capital.

As I pretended to be interested in the capital, even if that old man was listening in on our conversation, he would not think that I would head for Lucas.

Most likely this should be fine, and I should be able to move.

The objective was the Town of Lucas.

I wonder, what kind of city is it?

Chapter 122

CASE: Amy (3)

Getting out of the inn, and stopping by a small village on the way, I rushed to the Town of Lucas.

Escaping to the highway, I thought about using a cart, but considering the fact that I'll be meeting Demons on the way, I decided to go through the highway with the Transparent Medicine.

I was fortunate enough to have an abundant of the materials used to create the Transparent medicine.

Well, if perchance I don't have enough materials, I could just head to the forest and search for some.

We elves are more knowledgeable in terms of plants than the Hume races. What a Hume see might be weeds, but to me it might be a fine alchemy material.

One of the material to make the Transparent Medicine, "Moon Grass" could be found anywhere, but it is generally treated as weeds.

Besides the elf race that regard it as a material, the other races do not use it, hence it can be acquired in large amounts in any forest.

Because of that reason, I hid myself and used the highway as it was the safest way to traverse.

Just so you know, the effects of the Transparent medicine would be different every day. At times the effect would last as long as 2 hours, and other times, as short as an hour.

Even if the effect was gonna run out, it can be used repeatedly, so nobody should be able to find me.

And with that I walked along the highway, and 2 weeks have past.

Finally, the location that I was going to, the Town of Lucas, could be seen from where

I was standing.

...In the end, nobody came to track me thus far.

When I was confirming the way to the capital and Lucas at the reception of the inn, I specifically told them that I would head to the capital.

I told the receptionist that I was interested in heading to the capital so that the old man would not think I would've went to Lucas when he tries to hear on our conversation.

I wonder if that strategy went well.

Or, if this was all just my imagination when I saw that old man. Well, I wouldn't even know if I asked him now.

"So this is the Town of Lucas..."

In order to enter the town, I lined up behind the people who were lining up while looking at the exterior of the town.

As described by that old man, this town certainly gave a quiet impression.

While looking at the exterior, I thought about my future and my turn came round.

I received some simple questions from the gatekeeper and after that they issued a residence card for me.

While I was at it, I asked how would one live in this town, and the gatekeeper patiently taught me everything.

First off, he told me to find a place to live in.

Fortunately, there seems to be many rental properties.

The next was to make an ID card of some sort.

Speaking of an ID card, it would be the famous Adventurer Guild card for adventurers, and the other, the membership card for the Merchant's Guild.

You would register in the Merchant Guild if you want to do business and the adventurer guild if you wanna become an adventurer.

In my case, I would sell my potions to make a business, so registering under the Merchant Guild would be the better option.

After I receive my ID card, the next is the resident registration.

Heading to the government office, I should present the place of the residence that I want and ID card, pay the tax for 1 year and I would be able to complete my registration.

Thanking the gatekeeper who taught me everything in detail, thinking that there are still such kind Humes, I head into the town.

...First, would be finding a place to live right.

Since I do not know where to apply, I decided to head for the Merchants Guild first.

Then while registering, I would ask the situation around that as well. I could also sell some High Potions that I have to them while I'm at it.

Truly killing 3 birds with 1 stone.

I asked some older people how to get to the Merchants guild, and I was able to arrive safely while getting a little lost along the way.

"...Excuse me, I wish to register for the Merchants guild."

Calling to the guy behind the reception, a smile floated on his face as he began to explain the rules of the guild.

"...And, that's all for now.

If there's anything you do not know, please feel free to read this document."

I firmly grasped the documents and confirming the content.

Alright, it seems like I'm not being deceived.

"Name... Amy, and... sale... medicines, next... house... what should I do about this."

While being troubled by it, the receptionist onii-san asked what's wrong?

"I, had just arrived at this town just now.

I was planning to stay in this town, but I have not decide on a place to stay yet..."

"Oh, I see...

If you're alright with it, shall I show you how to get to the rental property from the guild?"

...That is, something that I'm extremely grateful for.

If someone from the Merchants guild arranged someone to bring me there, then I would not be promoted to some strange properties.

Either way, after leaving the Merchants guild, I planned to find a property to rent.

Let's receive this delightful offer.

"I'd love to, thank you so much!"

While lightly surprised by my overwhelming voice, the receptionist onii-san replied "I understand." and walked away to take some documents.

Then, while waiting for a while, he came back with bundle of papers.

"For now, please decide a place that you would want to live for the time being. Then would you like to continue with the registration of the guild?"

That's obvious, so I have no objections.

He immediately showed me the documents of the rental property.

After looking at 10+ documents, 2 somehow caught my attention.

Although the monthly rent of the place would be troublesome...

The first is a high-class property worth 5 Gold coins per month, and the other was a reasonable property worth 80 Silver coins per month.

Both fees were significant, but the 5 Gold coins gave an extra security in terms of the price.

Considering my own position, I cannot compromise on safety.

Since neither property was far from the Merchants Guild, I decided to look at the both of them before picking one.

"Heeh, it has the latest Magical Barrier. It's wonderful..."

"...There's a bath inside too!"

"With this amount of space, I could make a workplace too..."

After looking at both properties, although it was a little bit pricey, I decided to ask for the 5 Gold coins property.

The payment should be made to the Guild every month.

From the storage bag, I immediately took out 5 Gold Coins and handed over.

"Alright, I've confirmed the payment.

After receiving your Merchant's Guild card, please do not lose it as it would also be the keys to the house.

If lost, you can reissue it with 1 piece of Gold coin, but the evaluation of the guild towards you will be lowered, so do be careful."

After the receptionist onii-san said that, he took a magic item from beneath the counter and was fiddling around with it.

"Okay, it has been done."

After saying that, he handed me the membership card of the Merchants Guild.

"Alright, what else could I assist for Ami-san?

Do you want to open a shop? Or do you do your medicine business as a wholesale somewhere without a shop?"

"Yes, I'm doing a wholesale business."

"I see, medicine is it... Do you mind if I take a look at some of your medicines? Depending on the quality, the Merchants Guild would be some if you like."

This onii-san, is quite a businessman himself.

After using the 5 Gold coins, he showed interest in the medicine that I have.

Though, if it was up to me, I would rather have the Guild buy my medicine, as it was the safer option.

"Eeeto, these are the medicines but..."

I took out 20 High Potions from my storage bag, and handed it over to the onii-san.

"Wow, this is... could I open one and see?"

To check the product, some would open 1 bottle to check the quality. Obviously, I had no objection.

"Yes, please do so."

After giving my approval, the onii-san took a small cup and poured a small amount of High Potion in it, and set it into a large magic tool behind the counter.

"Oh wow, this is rather marvelous.

Though the colour is dark, but it's a high potion.

How about this, why not make a deal with the guild.

If you can maintain the quality like so, we will give 50 Silver coins per bottle."

...The amount presented was higher than I thought.

Considering the fact that that old man bought 1 for 20 Silver coins, this was considerably higher.

"I understand, please do so by all means."

The onii-san had a pleasant look on his face as he thanked me, and issued more conditions.

"If you sign a contract that we exclusively offer right now, we will add another 10 Silver Coins for it, how about it?"

...He is a businessman alright.

But, this was also beneficial forme.

"The negotiations are good, I understand. I'll agree to the contract."

"Thank you so much!"

With this, I secured a life safely in the Town of Lucas.

...And, 10 years have passed.

I met a person who changed my destiny in this town.

Chapter 123 The Kingdom's human resources

This is from Alto's POV.

This is my father, the King's office.

While waiting for a certain someone to come, I had a brief discussion about my future with father, then, I heard a familiar voice with the sound of the door knocking from the other side.

"Excuse me, but I believe I was called?"

"...You've finally arrived, come in."

After the person behind the door knocked, I answered and he immediately opened the door to the office, where the person who was being called excused himself into the room.

"Your majesty Faren and Your highness Alto, I apologize for keeping the both of you waiting."

Apologizing while bowing down to us, as usual he is a tough guy to talk to as I put on a bitter smile.

"What, the one suddenly calling for you was me. So you don't have to worry about it."

Father spoke up, and the person that was called... yes the leader of the first division, Franz–Works raised his head.

Normally, the leader of the knights would have opportunities to come into contact with the royal family.

Especially when it's a person whom I was intrigued when we frequently had mock battles.

"Hey Franz, I have something to discuss with you face to face. The things that you're about here right now, absolutely do not leak it out from this room."

Father tightened his face, and Franz who was nervous from what he was about to learn shouted with a "Ha!" while lowering his head.

Indeed, the topic that we're about to bring up right now, is a very high confidential matter.

Most probably Franz was nervous about it, and though father and I both trust him completely, but as expected, he couldn't hide his nervousness.

Inside such a high tension atmosphere, Father finally explained the reasoned why he brought Franz over.

"Myne who became my son-in-law, you have also heard of the case where he annihilated the Orc settlement awhile back right?"

In actuality, this case was also handled as a top secret matter, and only a few selected people were announced in the royal palace.

If you publicize the existence of a person who can independently kill a Orc King, I couldn't even imagine what sorts of trouble when people know about it.

Plus, Myne is also a member of the royal family, in other words, he became a family member of ours.

I could not afford to give him any extra troubles that I know would happen inside our family.

"Yes, of course I've heard about it."

"Also, when Myne annihilated the settlement, he was also protecting a woman..."

From here, Father stopped talking as he stared at Franz.

With Father doing that, it seemed to me that Franz became increasingly tense.

"...And that woman... is from the elf race."

"!!!!" (NANI)

Franz is usually known for his calm demeanor, but even he was unable to stay calm after knowing such fact.

He opened his eyes as if interested, but immediately stopped himself from showing anymore emotions.

"...S, so it is one of the survivor of the elf races... T, that means..."

...As expected of Franz.

He understood the seriousness of things.

This topic could be a fight for conflict between nations if we do it wrongly.

If people knew that the elves are still alive, powerful people or good people from all over the world will forget their own positions to take that surviving elf for themselves. Yes, like the former King Wills.

Also, other owners with decent intention would move to protect her because of the crimes of the abominable incident caused by the Humes.

Either way, the feeling of such desire in the Augusta Kingdom would get caught in a swirl of fight.

The dispute might cause the country to decline, and in some cases like Wills, they may be subjected to the divine beast's judgement.

We, absolutely do not want it to come to that conclusion.

"About the female elf, for now we are protecting her in the Adventurer's guild of Lucas. ... Though, things only matter... The guild leader asked me for protection."

"Well, it would certainly come to that point eventually.

Even for the guild leader, it would be a handful for him to protect the elf.

...Even if I were to be put in that same position, I think that I would ask Your Majesty for help."

"Well, that's true from what you said, and it's my responsibility too.

However, there would be various problems with just simply protecting her in the royal palace."

While listening to Father's words, Franz thought for a second, and agreed as well.

"...So then, what should we do about it?"

"I decided to let Myne handle it."

"Let Myne handle it! ?... No, it's true... the safest place would be there...

Of course his fighting power is the real deal, but it can be said that it is also safe in an outwards point of view."

Father observed the state of Franz, and was convinced that this topic would not leak out from him.

He even told him the most important secret on what he would have to do with the elf.

"And that, is why I called you over.

Because I will keep an elf woman within Myne's clan, I would like to ask you for an escort mission."

He straighten his arms, truly a reliable man.

Me and Father could not think of anyone but him for this task.

...If he refuses, there is honestly no one else.

Whatever kind of decision was made, Father was waiting for Franz's reply with a tense face.

"...Does such a man like me able to meet that expectation of Your Majesty? Yes, speaking of someone else, for example, Cecil of the 2nd Knights division..."

Cecil of the 2nd Knight, indeed he is also a reliable person.

However, if told whether he was a person who can be respected as a human, I can't help but wonder.

There wasn't any reason to tell such a person about a top secret matter.

And, the bigger problem was that he loves girls from other races.

If we left that to him, in time he might strike with the girl who was suppose to be his escort subject.

No matter how high Cecil is in position, I don't think he could endure an elf who is said to be the most beautiful especially when he loves to have sex with women.

"Franz, You... do you think to yourself that it is impossible?"

I unconsciously gave a bitter smile towards Franz.

"...I understand, in any case, I was directly told of this story from Your Majesty and Your highness who greatly respects me.

I will happily accept it.

Will it be a squad? And what about the families?"

He accepted it!... Truly grateful.

Father was also relieved to hear from him.

"I will explain it from here on out.

First of all, although you're the leader of the 1st division, you will be treated as a guard under the Konoe Division.

Your position would be to report to me.

Your duty would be planned at Lucas, which is where Myne's clan house will be.

We will prepare a resident there so that we will have your family migrate there."

I explained the salary and the treatment, and others properly so it would get them to understand again without me repeating.

"...So, that's the gist of it, any other questions?"

"Let's see, as for the specific changes, I would like to ask in advance... Am I the only one who will be transferring to this clan?"

"No, we would need the clerk affairs and receptionist anyways.

I would have about 2 people that was trusted by the civil servants.

About the escort mission, you can't go by yourself?

Then please choose 2 person who you can trust and bring them along.

I will interview with them and if there is no problem I will appoint them."

Well, with this things could finally move on.

I have to set up talented people quickly and bring them to my brother-in-law(Myne).

Chapter 124 Amy-san is finally here!

Today, Amy has finally moved out of the Guild, and temporarily moved into my home. Ever since that slumber party, a month has passed by.

Since I rescued her from the Orc settlement, she was kept hidden in the Adventurer's Guild till this day.

Originally, she herself lived in the Town of Lucas for a long time. Therefore, I thought that there was no need for the guild to protect...

If someone knew of the existence of an elf, the Guild Leader could not leave this case unattended.

After all, in the Guild Leader and Amy-san's standpoints, it was probably an unavoidable correspondence.

When he heard that she was being left under my care from the King, it seemed that a load has been lifted from the Guild Leader's shoulder, as I felt that he might've used too much nerve.

As soon as we decided on that, the procedure from the Guild Leader was quick. Going back and forth using horses, he went to the royal palace and seemed to have had many meetings with brother-in-law about the procedures after this.

There were also quite a lot of talks about having a guard around her, and it took some months before finally deciding on one.

And thus, it was today that she was finally welcomed to move to our house.

Thank you for all the hard work Guild Leader, I really appreciate your work!

Well for now, if the Clan house is complete, she would be living there. Unfortunately, it would take more than a month before it would be completed.

However, when I asked the craftsman-san, there seemed to be more workers coming

from the kingdom, so it may finish a little earlier.

Well in any case, she would have to live with us for the moment.

Even if she was on our side, I will definitely not lay a hand on her.

Well, after all the Clan house isn't completed yet, and we can't work either. If we disburse, then Amy-san would be staying alone at home.

Before the completion of the Clan House, Amy-san's escort would be expected to arrive from the king, so I will endure it until then.

...There were a lot more to do, but until then I decided to stay with my wives at home.

Thinking about it, I had been busy since I got the skill.

By spending my time resting, I felt that it was good as I was deepenging my ties with my family.

"Hello!"

While talking about such things with my family, I heard a voice announcing from the entrance.

Yes, it's surely Amy-san!
Based on the rumours, how awful... right!

While letting Waffle ride on my head, me and my wives went to the entrance to meet her.

"Hello! Welcome!"

As expected, Amy-san was at the entrance... and also with the Guild Leader. Apparently, Amy-san's escort has come together as well.

"Ooh, is it okay?"

The guild leader looked at me as he voiced out.

"Yes? What is okay?"

"Your majesty, as per request from the Guild, has gave you a security guard near your

house.

Hence why, the team that I've selected would be roaming around here. So please remember."

Wow, as expected of King-sama.

Wait? But the escort that was picked by the King... would it be?? While I was thinking about it, the Guild leader continued to speak.

"To distinguish between the guard and our guys, he would be wearing a red cloth on his right arm.

And if it's a guy who doesn't wear it would be a thief"

"But, what if the thief got hold of this information and wears a red cloth?"

Sylphy asked the Guild leader.

"In order to distinguish it, we have placed 5 magic items on it.

Our red cloth is made of a special cloth called Spirit cloth.

Looking at it through a magic tool, it would look more silver than red."

While saying that, he gathered a glasses-type magic tool and handed it to Sylphy. ...I see, we could certainly distinguish it if that was the case.

Even so Guild leader... as usual you're weak against Sylphy!

Then, after handing us the simple items, the guild leader went back.

"Amy-san, welcome.

From today onwards, I'm pleased to take care of you!"

As Aisha said that, she called Amy-san to sit inside the house.

Maybe because she stayed over the other day, she entered the house and started chatting it up with Aisha.

...Un, a good friend indeed.

Since she'll be living together for a while, it would be troublesome if she was too refrained...

It was the right call to hold the slumber party!

"Well, please use this room!

I've cleaned it thoroughly so please be relieved!"

Having [Cleaning] skill leveling up twice, was due to having clean the room with all I had.

The house is by no means a good building.

Age... I do not know whether this expression is correct for elves, but a woman who is not a family will stay for a while.

Even if it's not a luxurious room, I would like her to have a pleasant stay!

By the way, Waffle also helped with miscellaneous cleaning with a dust cloth. While waving his tails, Waffle with a dust cloth while moving around to clean is cute as ever!

I steadily took out the furnitures that Amy-san brought from within my storage bag. I assisted with arranging the large furniture, but when it came to arranging small items such as clothing, Waffle and I decided to head back to the living room.

As for that, as expected we can't help with it.

After that, it might be due to some influence from the previous slumber party, but it seemed that Amy-san also gotten used to us.

I began preparing meals with my two wives.

Is there anything I could help? Was what I asked...

"Danna-sama can go over there and sit down!" was what they told me, so I quietly waited.

...But, I can't seemed to calm down.

Anyway, is Amy-san's stuff finally settled?

I have not heard the detailed story from her, but it must have been painful for her. Let's do our best to heal her wounds even if it was a little.

Chapter 125

Project: Waffle remodelling a bathtub(?)

Today, Waffle and I had our custom(?) Slime hunting.

Before the Clan house is complete, I want to avoid going out with the entire family as much as possible considering Amy-san's safety.

...That's what I said, but spending the time lazing around at home all day made me feel uncomfortable.

Having a trusted family, it was easy to take a rest at home.

Until the Clan house is complete, I won't change the policy of a chilled life, but it was good to move our bodies once in a while.

Thus I discussed with my wives, and decided that in the morning I was gonna go around a variety of places by myself to gather some skills.

If Waffle's with me, then he would be able to deal with most enemies, as long as it's not a strong one.

With that agreed upon, we went out to continue hunting for Slimes, though it was little by little, I still stocked the [10 times EXP] and [Concealment].

If our Clan gets more active in the future, the number of Clan members will naturally increase.

Though less, Airy was supposed to join too.

...Still, no contact has been made as of right now, perhaps she could not persuade Kingsama.

To me, besides Airy and the rest of the royal family who received the [Contract of the Divine Beast], I would like to secretly paste [10 times EXP] to their statuses too. Even if they're not conscious of the skill, it would invoke by itself.

I'm sure that the royal family would be exposed to various evil intentions. I thought that it was okay to get stronger with this skill, even if it was just a little bit, and using that to not lose against such evil intentions.

[Waffle, should we go home soon?]

[Myne~, I, am bored. I want to go to somewhere else~! Gao~!]

...Certainly, I was also getting bored as well.

I wonder how many Slimes I've defeated so far.

The amount of Slime Oil was also ridiculous...

Using [Alchemy] to make materials out of it, I wonder if I could make something useful?

It might be nice to talk to Onii-san about Alchemist again next time!

But, another place huh...

Was it possible to go to "Labyrinth [Dungeon] of Power" or the "Forest of the Divine Beast" now?

Aah, I wonder if I could go to "Labyrinth [Dungeon] of Prison" too. However, my level for Appraisal has not risen...

[For now, go back~, and head to the bathroom~]

That's true, might as well go back and have a talk with Aisha and Sylphy first.



"Eh? Myne-kun, isn't it early for you to come back?"

Aisha who saw us coming home a little earlier, cried out.

"Yeah, we were hunting Slimes for awhile... then we got bored. Waffle was starting to get bored too, so we came back for now..."

When she heard my reply, Aisha replied with "Ah, I see." nodded, while realizing why.

"What do you wanna do? It's a little early but we can have dinner?"

"I wanna go and have a bath first before eating, Waffle did say he wanted to enter right now."

"I got it! Well, I will prepare the dishes so you could eat it as soon as you come out of the bath!"

I was sent off by Aisha, and I followed Waffle towards the bath.

[Waffle, wait for the water to boil okay.]

[Wafu!!]

Waffle climbed up to my head and looked at me working on the bath carefully.

Waffle who watched me do the usual procedure to heat up the bathtub suddenly shouted [Wafu!] and jumped off my head.

[Eh! ? What's wrong Waffle?]

[Myne~, I have something, that I just remembered!]

I tried asking what Waffle remembered...

My word, I can't believe for the sake of bath, he thought of something, I'm impressed.

For now I was placing the [Constant: Water] and {Constant: Heat] stones separately to make hot water.

With this method though, the temperature would cool down while bathing.

Except for Amy-san, our family would go in together often, so I never really mind about the water's temperature.

Everyone within my family loves to bath, including me of course, but Waffle love the warmth of the bath.

Waffle would always enter with Amy-san, afterwards only the rest joined. Sometimes the order would be reversed.

In other words, we were taking baths twice as long as them.

For Waffle, it seemed that he didn't like that the hot water would cool down.

And, what Waffle thought of was how to solve it.

...And that method was.

[Constant: Water] [Constant: Heat] was pasted to one stone, which was to make hot water from the beginning and to keep it running.

Indeed, with this we can keep the temperature hot all the time.

It was a luxury that could be done as there would always be [Constant: Water] which springs out water infinitely.

"Waffle really does love bath huh..."

Immediately thinking of the skill allocation to make hot water from the beginning. If we don't strengthen the heat, it would not warm up the moment the water gushes out.

First, attaching 3 [Constant: Heat] , then paste 1 [Constant: Water].

Phew, it's warm, but it's still low if you were to say it's a bath.

Next, add another 2 [Constant: Heat].

Probably, it would get to a nice temperature, but the heat would be too strong that it would start evaporating, the amount of water gushing out would be considerably less.

Then, let's double each.

...Uuuun, I guess it's a bit too hot this time? This is, quite difficult to allocate.

[Myne, Myne, a little more, hot please, it feels good!]

If Waffle says so... let's try it out then.

With then, we finally started bathing.

Isn't it too hot at the beginning? Was what I thought, but as time went on my body gotten used to it and it felt comfortable.

"∼♪"

[Wafu~♪]

While floating on his back and paddling, using his tail to steer, Waffle was enjoying the bath to the fullest.

While looking at that figure, I thought it was good that I changed it.

Chapter 126 Aim for an unknown dungeon

[Wafu~]

After getting out from the bath, Waffle sat on my head with a happy mood, and we went to the living room.

"Danna-sama, welcome home."

Sylphy knew that I returned, so she called out my name.

"Un, I'm back!"

It seemed that Aisha and Amy-san were still busy preparing dinner.

"It feels like, Waffle is strangely happy for some reason..."

"Yeah, he happily explained to me various methods to improve the bath. Waffle was the one who proposed the idea... and it felt pretty good!"

"Heh, that's something to look forward to later!"

I wonder if they heard of our conversation, while holding the finished dishes, Aisha called out to us from within.

"Would the bath be even better than before!?"

It seemed that Amy-san was extremely interested in the newly improved bathroom.

"For now, let's talk about the bathroom afterwards, it's time to eat."

With one sentence from Aisha, Sylphy and I both went ahead and help served the dishes.

Soon after the arrangements were completed and the usual hours of family and fun

started.

"...Ohh, so it's a method to not let the water temperature cool down. As what Dannasama said, truly a wonderful thing to be had!"

As predicted, the idea of Waffle to change some stuff for the bathroom had a good impression towards everyone.

Well, our family all love taking baths, so it was an expected result.

After all the excitement with the bath story, Sylphy faced towards me and Waffle.

"If you have already taken a bath, it means that you've came back slightly early, right? ...Did something troubling happened today?"

Aah, that's right! Now that she mentioned, I had something to discuss with the both of them.

Because of the bathroom, I've completely forgotten about it.

Dangerous, dangerous...

"No, we were hunting Slimes all day, but Waffle and I got bored of it pretty soon.

Should we go to some other place to hunt? Was what I wanted to ask...

The places that I could go are limited, and thinking of where I could go, I thought that discussing with the both of you was better."

I talked about the story of when we're hunting Slimes.

"...I see, if that's the case why not descend further down into the Labyrinth^(Dungeon) of Power?

If it's Danna-sama and Waffle, I'm sure the both of you could reach the deepest depths of the dungeon?"

I see... as I expected, the Dungeon of Power was the better option? It's true that if Waffle and I used our entire strength, we might make it to the deepest depths of the dungeon.

And speaking of the last floor, I could even get more amazing *Skills* than the ones I have right now.

Alright, in that case let's go to the Dungeon of Power...

"Wait just a moment, Myne-kun."

While placing the Dungeon of Power as my next objective, Aisha suddenly came and put a stop to it.

What's the matter? It was rare of Aisha to do that.

Don't tell me that she wants to object me from going to the Dungeon of Power?

"Hmm, since you have the time right now, why not increase the place where you can go?

Myne-kun has the [Unique Magic-Spacetime] , which can only bring you to where you've been before right?

If that's the case, why not expand the range in which you can travel, wouldn't it be easier for the Clan to do full scale activities in the future?"

Aah, I see! It's true, why haven't I thought of that before.

Going to different towns or labyrinth^(Dungeon), if I travel around more especially when I have nothing to do right now, it would definitely come in handy in the future.

The Claude incident the other day.

If the place where the Dragon's baby was caught was a town other than Adol, I won't know whether I could solve it that smoothly.

It was no doubt that the incident was settled only because I've been to Adol once and could go there.

...The merit of being able to move long distances in a second.

I thought that this was a really huge deal.

In a sense, this idea of Aisha may be more important than conquering the Dungeon of Power.

"...I see, this might be good!"

"Fumu, as expected of Aisha. You have a solid point."

Both Sylphy and I agreed to Aisha's proposal and decided to increase the number of places we could go until the Clan House is completed.

Though, it was easy to simply say, increase the number of places to go, but where should I go first?

"...So, where should I go first?"

As I asked, Aisha and Sylphy both crossed their arms and thought in silence.

Then, Amy-san who was silently listening to our conversation, suddenly interrupted the conversation.

"Uhmm, I have a question from a while ago... but what is this [Unique Magic-Spacetime]]?"

Aah, I see.

I did not tell Amy-san about my skills.

How should I deceive her.

[Myne-kun, Princess, I'll talk to her so don't worry about it.]

Aisha spoke to us using telepathy.

"About Myne-kun's skill, it's a skill where you can go to anywhere you want so as long you've been there before."

"Anywhere!?"

Aah, I get it.

Instead of speaking of the [Cut&Paste] skill, she only spoke of the [Unique Magic-Spacetime].

With that, I guess we can trick her with that as well.

As expected of Aisha.

"Etto... if you like, how about going to the Labyrinth of the Sky and the Labyrinth of the World Tree, would you put those as your candidates?"

Nn? The names of unfamiliar labyrinth popped up?

If we're talking about a labyrinth, as for the Labyrinth of Power, you will surely be able to get a variety of skills and items.

If I could go to those places, I think it would be useful.

...Though, not just me, it seemed that Aisha and Sylphy have not heard of these names before.

All of us had a strange look as we turned and looked at Amy-san.

"I'm sorry, Amy.

It's the names of the 2 labyrinth, but I have never heard of it before.

What sort of labyrinths are those?"

"...Both labyrinths are in the old elf territory."

Ooh, the old elf territory.

That is, the home of Amy-san!

In that case, if we were to go to those 2 labyrinths, it means that Amy-san will be able to go home anytime she wants?

Well then, maybe we should head to these 2 labyrinths then?

"Only the Elf race knows of the existence of the Labyrinth of the World Tree, an unknown labyrinth, so to speak.

The World Tree^(Yggdrasil) that was given by the Gods, and under the influence of it, a labyrinth was born, it is different from the other labyrinths."

In the first place, a labyrinth is a place where demons set up a huge manastone in a space of a certain size which is how it's born.

However, the labyrinth of the World Tree that Amy-san mentioned is said to be a labyrinth created by the World Tree.

She mentioned that monsters different from the ordinary ecosystems would roam inside the special labyrinth which was influenced by the World Tree.

Yeap, I feel that I could get some unique skills there!

It's decided! Let's head to the destination of the Labyrinth of the World Tree first!

Chapter 127 The World Tree's Role

Together with Waffle, we were now running at full speed within the highway. Pasting as much Body Strengthening Skills on our body as we could, we could run faster than a carriage, and with that constant high speed we ran along the highway road.

...Oh and by the way, Waffle had [Paste] at the back of me.

Before we departed...

[I, will stick on Myne's back when we go~]

Waffle who doesn't have that many Body Strengthening Skills on his body declared as such.

[EEh!? Why? Doesn't Waffle want to run fast as well?]

Even though he's small, Waffle's still a Divine Beast.

Even without the skills, I'm sure he could run as fast if not faster than me...

[But but, we're going to a ve~ery far place, I'll be very tired, I'm, still a kid you know~]

...In the end, I regarded him as a child as he claimed to be, and decided to paste him on my back as he wished.

Running at full speed with Waffle on my back, in order to not let him slip away from my back, as you can see I used [Paste] on him on my back.

[I find that the Dungeon of the World Tree is an interesting place.]

Just now, the person that was telepathically speaking with me was Fenrir-sama. Waffle seemed to have contacted her about this trip, and thus Fenrir-sama decided to send a telepathic message to me.

And the first word that she said was this.

Interesting as in... what did she meant by that? It's best to ask obediently!

[What do you mean by interesting?]

[Let's see... First off, do you know anything about the World Tree -Yggdrasil-?]

[...Other than it's a divine tree that was bestowed by the Gods, I have absolutely no idea.]

Now that I thought about it, I did not ask Amy-san for any details.

[So you knew that is was what God brought to earth?
Aah, so that High Elf girl told you about it?
...About that, the World Tree is something that supplies magic to all of this world.]

Supplies magic... what does that mean?

[Living beings of this world absorbs magic contained in the air and that's how they live.

If for some reason they could not absorb these magic, they would never be able to use a single *Skill* or *Ability* anymore.

Usually, the *energy* and *Skill* that you used are all thanks to the World Tree. In other words, the World Tree is what made Demons exist in this world.]

!!!

Eh? Which meant if the World Tree is gone, then we would not be able to use *Skills* anymore?!

If that ever happens, everyone around the world would be in big trouble.

Eh!? This meant?

That King Wills, what he tried to do was...

[The, Then... because of that King who attacked the elf's country... something terrible happened?]

[Aah, that's right, just as Myne said.

If someone tries to bring harm to the World Tree, it means that us Divine Beast had to make a trip to solve the issue.

At that time, Ymir was the only one available so...

If Jormungandr and I went instead, something like the elf country being destroyed wouldn't have happened.]

...Ah, oh my.

A lot of stuff was connected...

The elf's race circumstances were just too sad.

[Myne, listen now. The World Tree-Yggdrasil- is something you must absolutely protect at all cost.

You better tell the King that is now your relative.]

[...I understand, does everyone know about this?]

[No, they don't.

To begin with, you're the first one to tie a bond with us Divine Beasts.

We never had a chance to tell someone.

If that elf girl did not come to your place, then we would've never had this conversation to begin with.]

I better hurry up and tell King-sama once I return from this trip.

If they know about the truth, maybe the humans that wants the World Tree would eventually dissipate.

[At the moment, 1 Divine Beast is currently residing in the World Tree.

Just like me, with their children.

I've already told them that you're coming over.]

...Ah, that was dangerous!

If I who had no idea about the World Tree were to get close to the World Tree, I might have to fight with a Divine Beast.

Was that the reason why Waffle went ahead and contacted Fenrir-sama beforehand?

As I was thinking as such, Waffle who was on my back went "Wafu?" as he tilted his

head at an angle while wagging his tail.

[What, it's nothing to worry about.

Because we have the most gentle heart within us, 'Ku ku ku~'.]

Really now, you saying that really made me worried even more...

Exactly what Divine Beast resides in the World Tree.

If it's a gentle person, I don't think it's Hel-sama...

I give up, I have no idea who it would be.

[Aah, and also, Myne.

I'm sorry but for the World tree, can you ask the High Elf girl to tag along too.

Ymir said he wants to apologize.]

Heh? A Divine Beast wants to apologize face to face with Amy-san... Is there such a thing?

Maybe he knew I was strangely thinking of something, Waffle immediately told me.

[...Wafu, Ymir Oji-chan, was thoroughly scolded by Kaa-san.]

...Aaah, so that's what happened.

I feel like I missed something important.

Amy-san, even when meeting Waffle who was a Divine Beast for the first time, she was already trembling in fear...

If she were to meet with Ymir-sama, I wonder what might happen... I can't imagine it...

It might even be stronger.

[I got a feeling Amy-san might be too scared to face with Ymir-sama... Are you sure it's alright for them to meet up?]

[...Hmm, it can't be help.

Then, stop by my place first, then I'll follow you.]

...The Divine Beasts have increased to 2, won't that make her even afraid than before?

If the Divine Beast who resides in the World Tree were to tag along too, there would be a total of 3 of them.

Won't it be too hard on her...

[It's alright, isn't she already quite used to my son? If that's the case, I don't think she would be that afraid of me.]

Well, if that's what Fenrir-sama said...

[I understand, could you give me some time in trying to calm her down before that?]

[Aah, I don't mind.]

...Hm? Eh? Didn't the main subject changed along the conversation?

[Fenrir-sama, so what exactly is "interesting" about the World Tree?]

Alright, let's get back to the main topic.

I wonder how our topic get side tracked so far.

[Aah right, sorry for getting side track.

So speaking of the World Tree, the density of magic inside it is amazing.

In a place with such high density of magic, the Demons would be plenty and also different.

So yeah, go and take their unusual Skills.

It's haven for you I assume.]

[I wonder what Skills I would get?]

[If you're interested, why not just head in and find out.

It's much more fun to experience it then just telling you.]

U~un, it's making me even more curious.

I wonder what sort of unusual Skills Fenrir-sama said.

It must be some amazing Skills I presume.

I was afraid of the Divine Beast residing in the World Tree but...

Let's hurry up and go! Yeap, I'm having fun!

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Eventually, without taking a break, we ran and ran but still could not reach the Labyrinth of the World Tree.

...The elf's territory is far away as expected.

Along the way I saw the Town of Lunawan and thought that it's alright to take a break from our journey for today.

With this, it would be easy to get to this town in the future.

Traveling around to different places to widen our scope, let's put a tick at this town as we *cleared* it!

When I still under the Adventurer's Guild, well even though it was for a day...

The quest to deliver the *Slime Oil* was this Town of Lunawan if I'm not mistaken.

When returning home and reporting it to Aisha, I was surprised that I went so far.

About the Labyrinth of the Sky, it may be even further than I thought, as it is said to take a long time to get there.

Well then, I'll have to speak to Amy-san about the message Fenrir-sama passed onto me.

"Amy-san, Fenrir-sama has a message for you."

When I spoke to her about it, her body shook for a moment and turned her face slowly towards me.

The case of Ymir-sama, and being *traumatic* of the existence of Divine Beasts, having a message from Fenrir-sama would obviously make her afraid.

"Fr, From Fenrir-sama... s, she has a message for me?"

U~n, this might be impossible after all...

Just by hearing Fenrir-sama's name, she was already at this state, if she were to face Ymir-sama head on I'm sure she'll immediately faint.

Though, if I don't convey the message that Fenrir-sama asked...

"Yes, I'm sorry but please be calm and listen to the message."

"...Y, Yeeessh~"

...I'm worried.

"Apparently, Ymir-sama wants to apologize to Amy-san. Strictly speaking, it's to apologize for the elf as a whole rather than for Amy-san... was what I think."

Before Amy-san reacted, my two wives responded to my words first.

""A, A Divine beast wants to apologize! ?""

Towards the two intense feelings, the words that Amy-san wanted to speak was swallowed back into her mouth.

"Wait a minute Myne-kun... Is that for real!?"

"Yeah, it's the truth."

Even now, Waffle is in front of us too, I also met Fenrir-sama as well, and you could say I'm close to her as well, but the existence of a Divine Beast was thought to be a myth in the first place.

It was not an existence where a person would casually talk to.

First of all, even the fact that I was friends with a Divine Beast was something that sounded impossible.

Saying something like a Divine Beast lowering their head towards a human. The two of my wives had no choice but to be taken back.

Conversely, if you look at the other party's side, if she refuses this, it would be obvious as to what happens to Ymir-sama, but it would also make Fenrir-sama who was trying to be the mediator to lose face.

...Because of that, I felt really really bad towards Amy-san but please come along.

I'm sure the both of them realized this as well.

Swallowing my saliva, I waited for Amy-san to respond.

For the crucial Amy-san to speak, it seemed she was about to burst into tears with us looking at her.

"If, if I say I do not need an apology, it'll definitely be tasteless right?"

"...Yeeah, I'm sure it'll be tasteless."

"I do not need an apology."

It was probably Amy-san's true feelings.

However, if she let's this past by, I'm sure she could imagine how it would become.

...Precisely that, I need a confirmation.

That's why I answered back with my real intention.

Then continue to speak to her to remove her burden even if it's just a little.

"I truly understand how Amy-san feels. However, the Divine Beast-sama... at least towards the Divine Beast that I know... Amy-san shouldn't be that worried about her existence. If you take a look at Waffle then you'll understand."

Suddenly bringing up his name, Waffle was like "Wafu?" while tilting his head and looking at me. (GAAAH -100HP)

When she saw that, I clearly saw that Amy-san was starting to calm down.

"...By Fenrir-sama, is it Waffle-chan's mother-sama perhaps?"

"Wafu~!"

Waffle who couldn't speak to Amy-san lift his right paws up, as if to affirm her.

"Fufuu, if it's Waffle-chan's mother then it'll not be so scary! I understand, to be honest, no matter how many times I said to myself that Ymir-sama is not scary, not scary, I still can't help it... But if Myne-san and Waffle-chan and Fenrir-sama were to follow me, then I think I could meet with up with Ymir-sama."

...She muster up what little courage she had.

You could see that even with a smile on her words, her hands were still trembling.

[Waffle! Cheer Amy-san up!]

As I said that, Waffle lively sprinted towards Amy-san and jumped at her!

Then, while Amy-san was hugging her, he started licking her cheeks.

"Kyaa! Wa, wait a minute Waffle-chan! No, please stop, it, it's ticklish, Ahahahah."

...Un, good job. *Nice one naisu naisu* Waffle!

Amy-san's past is really saddening.

Even for a bit, I wanted her to feel happy.

I hope this encounter with Ymir-sama would have a positive influence on her mind and let it be the thing for her to take the first step in a sense.

In the end, we'll try to make the best possible effort.

"...Amy-san, let's do our best! This will surely be a big turning point for Amy-san. We will do our utmost to support you! So it's okay!"

Waffle was swaying around, and a smile floated on Amy-san's face as she firmly conveyed her feelings.

"...Yes, thank you."

With this, it was decided that the encounter between Amy-san and Ymir-sama would be held.

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[You understand right, Ymir-ji. "ji as in oji-san as in grandpa". In no way, would you do something like crushing my face, right?]

[I, I understand alright... I admit that it was certainly my fault... So please don't bully the elderly.]

I heard from Myne that the elf girl was extremely fearful towards Ymir, so I immediately contacted Ymir-ji.

[Seriously, whatever it was, to have the rule of Gods to drive away one race to the brink of extinction. Besides, because it was the elf's race which were the Protector of the World Tree, it can not be forgiven.]

[No, I've already heard that story many times...]

[Then listen to it again and again! It was your fault to begin with!!]

[...I'm... sorry...]

Now, it's Myne's turn.

This thing is ready for it.

The rest is up to you.

Depending on the story with the girl, we may lend our power to help rebuild the elves.

Good luck and tell it to the girl.

Chapter 129 Finally arrived. The origins of the world tree!

The next day after persuading Amy-san.

- Using [Unique Magic-Spacetime]], I went back to the place where we left off, the Town of Lunawan.
- Before we departed, Aisha who heard of Lunawan asked me to deliver the *Slime Oils* to the Adventurer's Guild of Lunawan in bulks.
- As she expected, the shortage of *oils* wasn't resolved yet so they were surely in trouble.
- Today, the total number of *oils* that I brought over for the time being was about $\frac{1}{3}$ of what I had in hand, which were 10,000.
- Even when the receptionist girl saw that amount, she stopped dead in her tracks, but as expected she was still a *pro*.
- Awkwardly she said "With this much, thank you so much for helping us!" with a smile on her face.
- Yeap, when Lucas delivered it to them, it was only 1/10 of this amount.
- Looking at this amount, even Aisha was surprised.
- Logically speaking, the receptionist girl's reaction was normal.
- As the *oils* that I bought over was sold at a higher price, and before I left I told her that I would bring more *oils* over and she froze again!
- ...Needless to say, Waffle was a huge hit over here too, even though nobody said so.
- After various things happened, Waffle once again sat on my back, and we started on our journey towards the Labyrinth of the World Tree once again.

In the past, we, the human family [Hume or Elf, the generic names of the beast race] have not recorded most of the intervention.

The biggest event was probably the memory of Ymir-sama annihilating the Wills Country.

When I asked Fenrir-sama about it, as I thought, things such as what happened with Ymir-sama and the Wills country, the humans weren't interested at all. It seemed that the interests of the Divine Beasts were only those contacted by God.

...By the way, about "me", helping Waffle was one of the reasons that God notified me about the 10 pillar of the Divine Beast is a nonstandard existence.

In the presence of God, and as to why I was to come to know of the existence of the ten pillars of the Divine Beast, it seemed to be because he was curious about me.

Because I rescued Waffle before, the situation has turned out to be as such.

As to why Jormungandr-sama seemed friendly, it was a little strange but I was convinced after listening to this story later.

...Un, the story had diverted.

Then, why was Fenrir-sama happy about Amy-san's case...

Actually, as the consensus of the pillars of the Divine Beast, it seemed that they want to improve the current status of the elves.

Beyond what I've thought, Ymir-sama's cause seemed to be a problem.

Waffle glanced and said it before where Ymir-sama was "being scolded" with that expression, and apparently it was a pretty cute expression.

[You did well, it seemed that you've convey the message to the elf girl while having her being calm. If Ymir does something, I'll punish him appropriately.]

Based on her words, I somehow understood that Fenrir-sama is seriously angry at Ymir-sama.

The saying "what goes around comes around", we, the human family , for example we would say something like don't mess around with me!...

I wonder why, but I feel sorry for Ymir-sama.

Thinking of the consensus of the pillar of the Divine Beasts, the others besides Fenrirsama were probably angry at Ymir-sama too.

...Looking at Ymir-sama's standpoint, I guess he'd like to apologize to Amy-san as soon as possible.

If he doesn't settle this soon, it would probably destroy his image.

If that was the case, even Amy-san may not be too afraid of him.

[Wafu, Myne! Look, look, I can see it, that's the World Tree!]

Un? Even though Waffle said so, but I can't see it.

Even using [Enhance Vision–Medium] on one of my eyes, I still can't see the figure of the World Tree.

The only visible thing was the streets that turned into ruins.

[Waffle, where did you see it? I can't see it whatsoever...]

To my question, Waffle tilted his head before answering.

[It's infront of you~, Myne, is your eyes getting worse?]

... Uu~n, in front of me? In front of me...

[There's nothing in front of me though?]

[Wafu?]

It seemed that asking Fenrir-sama at a time like this is better.

[Fenrir-sama, Fenrir-sama.]

[N? What's wrong? You arrived?]

Immediately, Waffle butted in and explained the situation.

[Ka~san, Myne, his eyes is turning bad!]

[No no no no wait a minute, that's not it, my eyes won't suddenly become worse okay!]

[...Aah, that would be the barrier of the Divine Beast that is residing in the World Tree. Wait for a moment, I'll talk to the Divine Beast now.]

A barrier! ? Is there such a thing! As expected of a Divine Beast.

...However, I have absolutely no idea what kind of Divine Beast it is. I wonder who it is.

I stopped walking, and thought of such things, as I was looking with my eyes the scene in front of me shook unexpectedly.

A low ringing sound rang around, and the scenery gradually changed.

After about a minute, the scenery in front of me changed to a completely different thing.

Yess, it's what Waffle said, that is probably the World Tree.

It's huge... this is the tree worthy of being called the World Tree that reached the heavens.

"Th, this is... the World Tree."

Even when this was the first time seeing the World with my own two eyes, I can sense a sacred feeling.

...Thinking about why would King Wills do such a thing to it...

Looking at the appearance of the World Tree, I somehow understood Ymir-sama's feelings.

"Anger" was surely what Ymir-sama's felt at that time, it must have been it. It would be inevitable to feel such emotion when human beings were trying to overrun the World Tree.

Well, this World Tree had definitely got me to think of something.

For a while, I was shocked by the sacred things that the World Tree was releasing, but I was inspired by the warmth and returned back to myself.

"Aah, this is not the time to be drowning in such a place. Let's hurry up and go!"

I came back to my sense and started running again.

Even though the World Tree was visible, but there was still a considerable distance to it's roots.

It wasn't the time to be distracted by it.

Then, running at full speed, and 3 hours have passed.

Finally, Waffle and I arrived at the Sacred Tree-The Origins of the World Tree.

Chapter 130 The protection of the World Tree

The second day, after running with all I had, we finally arrived at our destination.

The Sacred Tree-World Tree(Yggdrasil) that God planted on this ground.

From what Fenrir-sama said before, it seemed to have a role of supplying mana/magical power to all of this world.

Moreover, it does not talk nor does it move, but it is an existence with it's own will.

If there's a will, then there's one thing that I'll have to do first!

"Nice to meet you! World Tree-sama!

My name is Myne, Myne-Fortuna!

This here is my most important friend, his name's Waffle!"

"Wafuu! Wafuu!"

Obviously, because it could not converse, there wasn't any response to our greetings. Though, this to me is something that is ingrained to me, so it's important.

... Nn? What is it.

I could feel something warm... the warmth of a mother.

I wonder why I'm feeling as though mother is suddenly hugging me with that kind of warmth.

This feeling... is it from the World Tree!?

That was what I thought, so I looked up onto the World Tree, then Waffle and I were enveloped by a green light.

This feeling... isn't it the same as when I received the protection from Fenrir-sama and Jormungandr-sama! ?

Name:	Myne	
L V:	63	
Race:	Hume	
Gender:	Male	
Age:	15 years old	
Job/Occupation:	Hunter	
[The Protection of the World Tree]		
Blessings of the World Tree new!		

Name:	Waffle	
L V:	31	
Race:	Divine Beast	
Gender:	o [*]	
State/Condition:	Tamed (Myne)	
[The Protection of the World Tree]		
Blessings of the World Tree new!		

...I knew it!

We've received [The Protection of the World Tree] , the same as Amy-san!

"World Tree-sama! Thank you so much!!"

"Wafu~Wafu~Wafu~!"

When I give thanks to the World Tree, it wiggled it's branches as if to say no worries... that was what I felt.

Then, several leaves fell from the branches as it was rocking around. The falling leaves then fell down slowly to my feet.

...Does this mean, it's trying to tell me something?

While thinking as such, the World Tree moved it's branches gently again. I was then given some valuable materials from the "Leaves of the World Tree" to the extent that it could trigger a war for it, and again I thanked it once again.

"Really, thank you so much! I'm extremely happy!"

Waffle had the same thought as me, so it laid beside the branch of the World Tree and took a nap.

Even though we're supposed to head to Fenrir-sama right now, but it's alright to rest for a while right?

The gentle wind blowing around and a warm air breezing, taking away the fatigue out of my body.

Somehow, the feeling resembled that of immersing in the bath of our home.

...Perhaps, it might be due to the mana/magic power being emitted from the World Tree.

The bath in our home also contains mana too.

It seemed that I would fell asleep as it is because of how comfortable the situation is. When I saw the sun was about to set, I thought ot myself, did we sleep for about 2 hours?

"Waffle, Waffle, wake up! Wa-ke u-p-!"

Lying on his back while sleeping, I shook his body to wake him up. ...However, is he really a beast to sleep while exposing his belly?

[Wafu?... I, can't eat anymore.]

[...Don't daydream.]

After managing to wake Waffle up, I used [Unique Magic-Spacetime]]. Then, we hurried up and went home.

For 2 days, I ran at full power to arrive here, but with flick of a finger I reached home.

As I said many times, this [Unique Magic-Spacetime] is really outside it's standards.

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...Is it almost time?

It feel like tens of years since time has stopped for me.

I, was the one that drove the elves to extinction.

《Divine Beast-Ymir》

In truth, humans must respect Ymir-sama, but now was not the time to make such feelings.

Because, isn't it so?

The one causing the accident was not directly Divine Beast-Ymir.

That, of course I would know.

I understood that the King of the Hume Race had begun invading the Elf's village.

...However, even if Ymir doesn't show up at that time...

The elf race, my friends and parents might still be alive.

In the world, the King of Hume who went on to invade the elves were still strongly condemned even until now.

Back in the day, even if you were a slave, as long as you lived, there might still be a chance for other countries to help.

Yes, as long as you "live"...right.

It was the Divine Beast -Ymir who killed those fellows.

...It was excessive violence to say the least.

I remembered.

Even until now, I remembered clearly.

The earth that Ymir splits every time he shook his hammer.

The appearance of the trees spreading out with tremendous momentum.

And hundreds of lives disappeared in the blink of an eye...

...I remembered, even now...

That Ymir and I will face each other.

To be honest, I'm still scared even until now. I really wanted to run away from here right now.

Though at the same time, the 10 years of time that stopped in me started moving again. I had such feelings in me.

Myne-san and her Highness Sylphid, and Aisha-san. Waffle-chan too... and Fenrir-sama.

They encouraged and supported me. So, I made my decision.

...I will not run away anymore.

It's almost time.
A little more, and it'll start.

Did my feelings went through?

A black vortex appeared in thin air before my eyes.

...Yes, he's here to pick me up.

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As usual, a passing black votex connected to the living room of our home.

"I'm back!"

As I said so, I entered the living room, and Amy-san was already waiting there for me. It seemed that she was quite relaxed, though whether or not she had made her resolution, I'm not sure.

"Welcome back, Myne-kun."

Aisha greeted me.

"Will you eat before heading out?"

"If Amy-san is alright with it, I think I would go out first."

As I said so, Amy-san looked at me.

"Yes, the preparations are over."

Okay, then let's go.

To return Amy-san's fate to the right direction!

I linked the space to the Divine Forest to meet up with Fenrir-sama.

Chapter 131 Ymir's Feelings

Even if they've already prepared themselves, it still wasn't easy to divide as such.

After Amy-san went inside the black vortex created by my "Unique Magic-Spacetime", she arrived at the "Forest of the Divine Spirit" in an instant, but with the atmosphere surrounding her, her body stiffened up.

"...So this is the place where Fenrir-sama is staying... The Forest of the Divine Spirit."

While Amy-san was muttering, from behind her, the figure of Fenrir-sama could be seen.

"Thanks for coming, elf girl."

Suddenly seeing a giant wolf appearing behind her, she let out a "Hiii!" voice unintentionally. Her legs gave out as she sat on the ground.

[...Fenrir-sama, I think you should be a little more careful around her...]

I unconsciously said so, and she seemed to have noticed that her way of appearing surprised Amy-san.

...Well, she's a Divine Beast after all... an existence which is always superior to that of a human being, thus they never need to take others into consideration, so I guess it' can't be helped...

"Aah, did I perhaps surprised you? That, I'm sorry. But even so, this was milder than usual..."

That's true, usually I could feel the strong benevolence(presence) of Fenrir-sama. The aura that is emitting from Gods could not be felt right now.

I'm sure she was careful enough not to make Amy-san anymore nervous then she already was.

Restricted, I see... there's no doubt that she was concerned about it. I'm so sorry Fenrir-sama.

Whether she caught hold of Fenrir-sama's feelings, Amy-san stood up at once and greeted her.

Yes, greetings comes first before anything else!

"...E-Excuse me! This is my first time meeting with you, my name is Amy, a High Elf! Taking care of someone like me, T-Thank you very mu-ssh!"

...Aah, she bit her tongue.

Telepathy ≪Fenrir≫ new!

She's still nervous huh, can't be help... Alright.

"Kukuku, you don't have to be that nervous girl.
Self introductions, is it necessary? Well it's fine, I, am Fenrir."

That's right, the moment Fenrir-sama said so, Fenrir-sama's body shone brightly.

Aah, this is... it's one of those, a protection... I'm sure of it.

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Name:	Amy			
LV:	11			
Race:	High-Elf			
Gender:	Female			
Age:	121 Years Old			
Occupation:	The daughter of the Chief			
[Skill] Unique Magic-Wood Magic-Recovery L Alchemy 10 Times EXP Concealment				
[Protection of the World Tree] Blessings of the World Tree				
[[Protection of the Divine Beast]]				

I knew it... it wasn't a contract, but a protection.

Just so you know, the [10 Times EXP] and [Concealment] was secretly pasted by me.

[You have received my protection, with this you can talk to me whenever you want, anywhere at anytime.

If something happens, you can contact me.]

To have suddenly heard Fenrir-sama's voice inside her head, Amy-san became restless as she constantly looked around the area.

That'll obviously surprised her. Even I was surprised once...

"Eh, Eh? Wh-what's this? Eh?"

The confused Amy-san wants a follow up from me.

"It's alright Amy-san.

You have just received Fenrir-sama's protection!

The ability to talk telepathically, [Telepathy], the protection received.

If you have that, no matter how far you are, you can always talk to Fenrir-sama!

After explaining to her, she finally calmed down and lowered her head in front of Fenrir-sama, probably to thank her.

"Thank you so much, to be able to receive a protection from a Divine Beast is certainly wasteful..."

[You don't have to speak you know, just talk telepathically.]

While looking at the both of them talking, I've completely forgotten something, where's Waffle?

Finally realizing it, I looked around... and...

"" " Waaaafuuuuuuuuuuuuu J" " "

Aaaaaaaahhh!?

The three siblings of Waffle, suddenly pounced on me.

"Ugu!!"

...I know that's their usual thing but... could they have come a little more gentler next time...

The 3 children of Fenrir including Waffle, was excited to see me as they licked my face while hugging me.

"A-Adorable..."

Seeing Waffle and the 3 siblings pushing me down, both of Amy-san's eyes had a *heart mark*...

...No, don't just look at me, please help me.

[Boys, I know you're happy that Myne is here, but we're going on a picnic later. Alright boys, let go of Myne now.]

After Fenrir-sama said that, the children reluctantly moved.

Then, a Wafu~ squeal was heard as Waffle jumped on top of my head, and the second eldest(?) was on my right shoulder, and lastly the third child(?) jumped towards my back.

"Mu mu mu, it's quite hard to keep a balance..."

[Fuu, can't be helped..., I'm sorry Myne but you have to take care of the boys for now. Then, hurry and connect with the World Tree, it's time to meet with that Jii-sama Ymir.]

Suddenly hearing the name Ymir-sama popping up, Amy-san's movement suddenly stopped.

[Waffle, I choose you, Go to Amy-san-!]

After saying that, Waffle was like "Wafu!" and jumped from my head and landed onto Amy-san's chest.

"Awawa."

The sudden Waffle that was flown towards her, although she was still staggering, but

it seemed to have succeeded as she was hugging him.

With that, I hope that it would lessen her worries.

Alright, let's go to the World Tree then!

Using the [Unique Magic-Spacetime] , the usual black vortex appeared in front of us.

Well then, let's go inside and meet with Divine Beast Ymir-sama!



≪Previous Day≫

[...Do I have to meet with them so soon?]

[What? You promised that you'll meet with her? Was that all a joke?]

[It's not a joke, but meeting... I know that I did too much at that time.]

[If so, then decide right this instant!]

I, Ymir, the Divine Beast Ymir.

Amongst the 10 pillar God has sent, we were the ones who governs the world.

And, Fenrir who plays a role as the leader among the 10 pillars, she was sending angry signals towards me.

She, has the power of the moon and the gravity.

It's gonna be hectic if the Divine Beasts sees this, and it's troublesome if she goes out of control too.

Seriously, and this was a good year too, and it'll soon be gone.

I should live in peace more often,

[...N? You, were you thinking about something strange just now?]

[NO NO no no no, I didn't think about anything, nothing...]

[Heh, is that so... I thought for a fact that you were bad mouthing me or something.]

[You're wrong about that!!!]

Fuu, dangerous... What a sharp and piercing glance...

First of all, why am I being bullied by her.

A fool who tried to harm the World Tree 10 years ago, and I was just emptying out the garbage that's all.

It's mysterious why would they want to hurt the World Tree that the God gave them, thus it can't be overlooked if they were to do something like that.

...But, even Divine Beasts make mistakes occasionally!

I was heated at the moment, not only harming the foolish ones, but also the elf race was caught up by my attack.

That really leaves a bad taste.

As the elves had not sin but was progressed to a step before destruction.

One part of the elf race, were managing the World Tree, so I was hated by the Divine Beasts.

Among them, in particular the one in front of me, Fenrir was angry.

Those guys, not only I was scolded in front of the 10 Pillars, but I was also scolded at a place where their children were there!

Thanks to that, the image of the Divine Beast to the children has been deformed!

[Well, whatever it is. Anyway for tomorrow, the elf girl who survived miraculously will come tomorrow. If you think you've done something horrible, apologize firmly.]

Of course I want to apologize, but for a Divine Beast to lower his head to a human.

Well, what wrong is there... Thus I have decided it in my mind.

Chapter 132

Ymir's apology and Amy's monologuing

"...This is... without a doubt, the World Tree."

Passing through the black vortex, the place that we ended up, was Amy-san's hometown.

And the World Tree is just around the corner.

"Over there, was once the place I lived in..."

The location that Amy-san was staring at, had a huge burn mark on the ground, indicating a once village that was turned into ruins.

I wonder, what sort of imagery was shown in her eyes right now.

Was it the figure of her beautiful hometown where it used to be... or was it this miserable ruin, which is it.

...What she was feeling right now, I couldn't imagine.

All I could do, was stood there and watched her silently.

"...As promised, I have returned."

Looking at the World Tree, she murmured.

As though it had heard her whispers, the World Tree greeted Amy-san by gently shaking its branches, letting its leaves fall to the ground.

"...I'm back."

After 10 plus years, she has returned to her hometown, I think it's best if I leave her alone for awhile.

Waffle who also read the mood, quietly stayed put on top of her head.

Speaking of which, I sat down on the ground while stroking the backs of Waffle's brothers, as I decided to wait for her to settle down.

I'm sure Fenrir-sama was also worried about her. She laid next to me while closing her eyes, and waited with me.

[...Un? It seems he's here.]

Fenrir-sama slowly opened her eyes, and her ears moved while she was saying.

...Who's coming? Oh right, that's kinda obvious.

Yes, one of the 10 pillars of the Divine Beast that trampled this lands 10 years ago, Ymir-sama the giant.

The earth rumbled as the sound echoed throughout the earth.

Then, from within the shadows of the World Tree, a gigantic shadow could be seen.

"...Y, Ymir-sama."

I was unconsciously overwhelmed by that huge body.

[Aren't you quite late?]

Fenrir-sama looked at Ymir-sama's direction, as she raised her voice.

Ymir-sama looked at Fenrir-sama for just a second, as he turned to look at the face of Amy-san.

Then, Ymir-sama's huge body was emitting a gold light as it shone brightly.

Me and Amy-san's body were bathed in the golden light as it started to shine a little.

...Aah, this is...

Name: Myne

L V: 63

Race: Hume Gender: Male

Age: 15 years old Occupation: Hunter

[Protection of the Divine Beast]
Telepathy ≪Ymir≫ new!

Name: Amy

L V: 11

Race: High–Elf Gender: Female Age: 121 years old

Occupation: Daughter of the Chief

[Protection of the Divine Beast]]
Telepathy <\mathref{Ymir} new!

...I knew it.

We have received the divine protection of Ymir-sama.

Though, why did I received it as well?
While worrying about it, Ymir-sama calmly spoke to Amy-san.

[High-Elf girl, do you know who I am?]

[...Yes, Ymir-sama...]

While desperately struggling to keep her body from trembling, she quickly answered Ymir-sama's question.

On top of her head, Waffle was patting on Amy-san's head as if cheering for her.

[Amy, you can do it, it's not scary you know! I'm here with you!]

[...Thank you, Waffle-chan.]

Looking at the two of them, Fenrir-sama's had a sense of joy in her eyes. I'm sure she was happy as a mother that her child would cheer for Amy-san.

[...High-Elf Girl.

Starting from 10 years ago until today, the rashness of me have caused much trouble to everyone.

To all of the elves who had lost their lives by me, let me apologize to them. I am sorry.]

Without any warning, Ymir-sama bowed down!?

A Divine Beast, towards a hume race... bowing down to them...

Though I've heard that Fenrir-sama asked Ymir-sama to apologize but... I can't believe, that the apology was a straight ball.

He really thinks that he did something terrible...

...H, How does Amy-san react to all of this?

While thinking about it, I hurriedly looked at her.

"...Ymir-sama..."

She held a complicated feeling, as she looked up at Ymir-sama.

Regardless, Amy-san was one of the victims.

I knew that Ymir-sama was seriously apologizing to her, so it was obvious. Because I know about it, my heart couldn't calm down.

"...Why must all of this happened to us.

Even until that day, our elf tribe was living peacefully.

When I try remembering that day, my family... my father, my mother, the smile of my friends...

Are they still alive somewhere, or have they really died...

No, it wasn't just my family, nor my friends.

Everyone in my tribe... what had happened to them.

...And, what's more... I always wondered if having me, the only survivor living right now, is it a good thing, or a bad thing?

Sometimes I wondered if at that time, if I were to have died too, wouldn't it be great to not have to think about all of these."

With an expressionless face, Amy-san blatantly blurted out what was on her mind for the past 10 years.

Silently, Ymir-sama listened to each and every last words.

Fenrir-sama, Waffle and the rest were also silently listening.

"...Right now, I'm thankful that Ymir-sama would purposely come here to apologize to me.

What's more, I thank you for being sincere about apologizing to us elves.

...However, I'm sorry to say this but I... my heart... no matter what you say, I can't forget about those things that have happened.

10 years have flown by, and looking at this very place once more, it caused me to remember back something.

As expected, these swirling feelings that I have... I thought to myself, why must all of this happen.

That's all there is to it."

The expressionless face displayed, and each time she uttered a word, it came out distorted, and the tears that flowed out from her eyes the more she spoke.

[...I truly am sorry for what I have done.]

Listening to her spilling out all of her feelings, Ymir-sama replied.

[...In the first place, we Divine Beasts should not be involved in any conflicts of any human activities.

It is a common recognition that the remaining nine pillars of the Divine Beasts deemed Ymir's actions to be clearly beyond our expectations.

As for the matter right now, because it's concerning of a Divine beast, we will use a letter of indulgence(Ablassbrief), we won't do such shameless things like striking his crimes.]

Fenrir-sama who stayed put and watched the scene for awhile suddenly spoke. What is she trying to do?

While thinking as such, I observed Fenrir-sama's actions.

...Then, suddenly, Fenrir-sama looked at me and smile, before speaking again.

[I have also gotten the permission of God... How about it? All of you, do you want to go back to 10 years before?]

...Eh? Going back 10 years before? What the heck?

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[I've gotten the approval of God...

How's that? All of you, don't you wanna head back to 10 years ago?]

...Eh? Heading back 10 years? What's going on?

Right now, Fenrir-sama looked at me for an instant, and proposed the idea. Which meant, I'm involved with this too?

However, I have absolutely no idea why this is happening...

Waffle too tilted his head sideways, while thinking about something.

"Wh, what's the meaning of this! ? Heading back 10 years !!!!!"

Amy-san raised her voice, as she faced Fenrir-sama and asked.

[Calm down, and you do not have to raise your voice.

You can just talk to me telepathically, that's why I gave you the protection to begin with.]

Having a conversation without actually saying a single word. Those who can't do it would think it's a strange sight, but it's a very useful ability.

We're having a short distance conversation now, so it doesn't look like much of a benefit, but if you could talk normally in a long distance conversation, then the merit would be immeasurable.

Plus, even in a short distance conversation, you could telepathically talk to the other person while keeping a secret to the rest.

Amy-san had just received the protection not too long ago, so she wasn't used to it yet. I wonder if the more she uses it, the more she understands how useful it is?

...Wait, that's not what this is about.

I want to know what Fenrir-sama said about returning everyone to 10 years prior!

[...Is it like this? So back to the topic, what do you mean by that?]

[Before answering your question, I want to hear from Myne. Do you mind if I talk about your skill to the elf girl?]

Eh? How did such conversation came about!?

I thought that it would be best to let the least amount of people knowing about my skill...

[What, you don't have to worry about it. If the girl agrees to it, we can change the "Protection" to "Contract" then.]

[...If that's what Fenrir-sama says so, and I'm sure that if you don't talk about my skill, the conversation wouldn't be able to advance further, I suppose?]

[Well, something like that. So, what do you want to do? If you don't decide on whether to talk about it, then the conversation would end right there and then.]

...U-n, not fair... This, I can't think of anything else but to say it... Fenrir-sama did say she's got my back too.

I guess it can't be help then.

[...Yes, I understand... If Amy-san accepts the "Contract", then I don't mind. Speaking of which, Fenrir-sama isn't fair...]

Briskly looking at her, Fenrir-sama chuckled. Yeap, this is definitely a conviction.

Fenrir-sama then explained to Amy-san about the differences between a "Protection" and a "Contract", and asking her to choose whether she wants to know about my skills or not.

[...That's the gist of it, so how about it? Do you want to form a contract?]

...I think it's pointless to even ask.

[Yes, please do so, I gladly accept it without a word.]

See, I knew it.

Accepting Amy-san's declaration, Fenrir-sama then changed the protection into a contract.

[Now then, Myne. Tell the girl about your skills.]

Being shaken by Fenrir-sama's words, while sighing, I explained to her about my [Appraisal-Complete] and [Cut & Paste] skills.

"...That's the gist. About this matter, it is a secret that only some of the royal family members know of, including the King and my family."

After explaining to her everything, Amy-san's mouth was wide open, being in a daze. ... Having live a long life, even with the common sense of the elves, my skill was still out of this world's standards.

"Myne-san, you're amazing...!"

That was the first sentence the girl spoke after regaining her consciousness. I didn't feel any fearful expressions from her when she heard of my skills.

"Amy-san, aren't you scared of me?"

Without thinking, I asked her...

"Eh? Why should I be afraid of you?"

"No wait, aren't you scared that I would just steal away your skills?"

"...Aah, I see! That's what you're trying to say. If that's the case, I won't be afraid though?"

Another unexpected answer came to me.

"Wh, why though..."

"Well, isn't it because it's Myne-san!"

Amy-san had a face that was saying, why'd you even ask that? While I was taken aback, once again Fenrir-sama chuckled in laughter.

[Well then, shall I get into the subject.]

After Fenrir-sama said that, the interactions between me and Amy-san was postponed. The relaxed atmosphere tightened in an instant.

[...Yes, please go ahead.]

[First, I'll talk from the end.

Though it's impossible now, but depending on Myne's efforts, I can return all of you to the past... there's a possibility.]

Going back to the past! ? And based on my efforts! ? ? ...I have no idea what's going on right now! ?What does that even mean! ?

[The [Appraisal-Complete] and [Cut & Paste] skill that you have right now isn't the best combination as of right now.]

!!!!!

[It's true that [Appraisal-Complete] and [Cut & Paste] being together, God didn't expect that you would discover such a way to use the abilities together.

Therefore, God looked at what could be done with other combinations, including things that seemed impossible.

We have not heard about the details yet, but it seems that he found a skill that can be increased by combining it with [Appraisal-Complete].]

Fenrir-sama's story was exactly a news that came upon me like a thunderbolt.

[Appraisal-Complete] and [Cut & Paste]

As was expected, there exist a better combination than these two.

And it was confirmed by God himself.

So it must exist somewhere.

Though, what kind of combination is it, and what would happen if the two is used. It's useless, I can't imagine it at all.

...Though, there's one thing which is confirm, and that is to [return to the past] , and I'm sure that combination is necessary to do so.

[Listen well.

Me and the ten pillars, what skill is necessary for it to work, God did not tell us.

However, only you would know whether you can reach that power or not.

And that path also requires considerable efforts to reach.

If you truly want to save that girl, you must aim for that power.

And, if you really want to aim for it, we, the 10 pillars of the Divine Beast would promise you that we will lend you our powers.]

...I see... Is that why Ymir-sama gave me his protection too.

I'm sure that in order to save Amy-san, he already gave me his power to start seeking for that power.

[...I understand, of course I would aim for it! Amy-san is a precious member of me! It's obvious to work hard to help a friend out!]

Expressing my resolution, Amy-san, Fenrir-sama, Ymir-sama, and Waffle and his three siblings...

And the World Tree that was listening.

Yes, the real purpose that I should aim for,... I have finally decided!

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[I see, so you have decided.

Then, as said earlier, we Divine Beasts would do our best to help reached your goal.

...Well, even without that, I would still cooperate with you regardless.]

Fenrir-sama said to us.

The cooperation from the Divine Beasts... I kind of feel bad that they had to help someone like me.

Maybe he knew what I was thinking, this time Ymir-sama spoke.

[Don't mind it, originally it was my fault that caused it, so I'll have to take responsibility to clean up this mess.

It's not my place to say this, but this case has the general consensus by all 10 pillars of the Divine Beasts.

Rather, I should be the one that has to worry about it.]

When Fenrir-sama heard what Ymir-sama finished saying, she shouted at Ymir-sama and said.

[...You don't have to say that!]

...I see, even Fenrir-sama said so.

The consensus of the Divine Beasts, they somehow wanted to fix the situation of the elf race.

After discovering a new combination with my [Appraisal–Complete] , and by going to the past and fixing the problem, it was also the wish of the Divine Beasts.

[I understand, I'll do my best.]

After saying that, I bowed my head down towards Ymir-sama, and with delightedness he nodded.

As for Fenrir-sama, she kind of clicked her tongue, but let's ignore that...

[What's more, y'all have an interesting Protection.]

An interesting protection? What sort of protection would that be?... what's more y'all? So it isn't just me?

[...The protection?]

Everything that Ymir-sama said, Amy-san, me, and Waffle, the Protection that was given to us by the World Tree was rare.

Speaking of the Protection of the World Tree, originally only the High–Elves that were taking care of the World Tree would be granted the Protection.

Plus, the power granted by the protection would differ from person to person, be it increasing in power or being able to use magic, it was truly random.

Although Amy-san received the protection, she said that she herself didn't know what sort of ability it was.

[The protection that y'all received from the World Tree, it's the ability to revive after you lose a life.]

...Eh? I, I didn't appraise it!

[Blessings of the World Tree]: Automatically invoked when owners life ceases. When Stamina reaches 1/10, it'll revive. After reviving, stamina recovery cannot be used within 24 hours. Also, a cooldown time of one year is required before using it again.

It, it's true! It certainly says that it can revive! Th, this sort of ability...

[...I see, I, because of the World Tree's Protection... At that time, I came back to life...]

Amy-san looked at the World Tree, and muttered.

[Then, everything's settled. Should we head back?]

After seeing that Amy-san and I calmed down, Fenrir-sama asked.

At the foot of the World Tree where we were standing, we were wrapped in green light and we didn't really mind it, but certainly the sun has completely set so it was getting dark.

[[Don't want, Don't wanna~, I want to play with Myne!, We want to have a picnic!]]

Waffle's siblings that were clinging onto me, started to whine again. ...Un, Fenrir-sama did say that we were "going on a picnic" before we left.

Seems like Fenrir-sama wasn't able to tell the children strongly before going.

[Fu, can't be helped. I'm sorry but Myne, can you play around with them for awhile? I'll bring Ymir back to the Divine Forest, so in the meantime can you play with them until they're satisfied?]

After saying that, Fenrir-sama and Ymir-sama went off.

As Ymir-sama knew of the existence of [Unique Magic-Spacetime] , even when seeing it for the first time, he wasn't shocked or anything.

[Well then, what should I do...]

I was being tasked to protect the children, but what exactly should we do.

"...Uhmm, Myne-san... since we're here, why not explore the Dungeon of the World Tree?"

Amy-san made a suggestion.

Aah, now that she mentioned it, the reason why we came here was to go into the dungeon and fight...

Due to Fenrir-sama suggesting all these, I completely forgotten about that.

...That's right, it certainly was a great idea.

Fenrir-sama did mentioned that there were a lot of unusual monsters over there. Appearance wise it doesn't look that bad.

Since I secretly pasted the [10 times EXP] onto Amy-san, let's help level up Amy-san too.

[Alright, that sounds great! Waffle and co, are you fine with it?]

[Wafu! It's good, it's been a while since we explored!!]

[Oo, exploring with nii-chan!]

[I'll, do my best~]

Yeap, seems like the 3 brothers are happy about it. Though it isn't a picnic, but it doesn't seem like it'll be a problem.

"Then, let's go! Amy-san!!"

After saying that to Amy-san, she stepped forward intensely. It was interesting, because her face was pale.

...I briefly looked at her skills, and it seemed that she has never fought for a long time. So, when she said that she wanted to explore the dungeon, it can't be helped that she was like that.

"I, I'm going as well!?... If possible, I would like to refrain from doing so..."

"It's a good opportunity, in the future we will protect Amy-san, but in the end you'll still have to protect yourself when the time comes."

The existence and concepts of EXP and Levels was never in her dictionary before.

After that, I explained about the "10 times EXP" that I pasted on her secretly, and somehow persuaded her.

[Amy, don't worry about it! I'll be with you!]

On top of her, Waffle was comforting her.

[Onee-chan, we're here too, so don't be afraid!] [We're, strong you know!]

...Y'all, it's because they really want to go... Looking at the way the 3 of them persuaded Amy-san, I smiled wryly.

"...I understand, I'll do my best..."

Amy-san said as her head drooped sadly. Conversely, the 3 brothers were delighted.

Alright, let's head to the Dungeon of the World Tree!

Guiding Amy-san, we walked for about several hundred meters before arriving at the entrance.

There was a cave where one person could fit in.

"Is over here alright?"

"Yes, though it's narrow, but that's the passage."

Yes, while encouraging her, we went inside one by one.

It was quite narrow, so Waffle and co walked by themselves.

Then, after about 10 minutes of walking, we arrived at a big hall. Yes, we have finally entered the Dungeon of the World Tree.

"...I heard from Fenrir-sama that there are unusual monsters here."

I muttered, and something huge floated out from nowhere.

"...Eh?"

Aah, that's right.

Fenrir-sama taught me before.

Inside the Dungeon of the World Tree, there said to be a Divine Beast that resides

here...

Yes, something gigantic suddenly appeared before my eyes, it was the Divine Beast that Fenrir-sama said.

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We who had stepped foot into the World Tree's Dungeon, the sight of a giant fish(?) was flying around.

[[[Wafu! It's Cetus Obaa-san!!]]]

Looking at the entirety of the giant floating around midair calmly, Amy-san and I couldn't utter a single word.

Only Waffle and his brothers were bubbling with joy.

...Eh? Wait a minute what did they just say?... Cetus? That Divine Beast Cetus-sama!?

"Aah, if it isn't Fenrir's families boys?... Which means, that boy, is Myne the hume?"

[Ooh! That's right!! It's Myne! He's my friend you know!]

Though Waffle was talking to Cetus-sama, but when he had to look up all the way to the edge to be able to talk, it was quite troublesome.

...Wondering if it's because he's part dog, but when Waffle and his brothers were talking with Cetus-sama, they seemed happy that they're wagging their tails in excitement, and they don't seemed bothered by it.

"Heeh, so it's you, Myne..., and that is, I assume the elf girl?"

After listening to Waffle and his brothers talked, Cetus-sama turned and looked at me and Amy-san's face, and spoke.

"Cetus-sama, nice to meet you! I'm Myne."

"N, Nice to meet you. My name is Amy, a High-Elf."

I was the usual energetic, whereas Amy-san refrained herself while introducing

herself.

After we introduced ourselves, Cetus-sama's entire appearance was glowing in a light blue colour.

...This feeling, it's probably the protection.

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LV: 63

Race: Hume Gender: Male

Age: 15 years old Occupation: Hunter

[Protection of the Divine Beast]]
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Occupation: Elder daughter of the chief

[Protection of the Divine Beast]
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Yeap, I knew it.

Which means out of the 10 pillars of the Divine Beasts, I have collected 4 of the protections so far.

But for now, the protection's effect is to be able to communicate with Cetus-sama through telepathy.

I wonder if they're other roles or something meaningful in the protection.

A while ago, Fenrir-sama said that in order to accomplish our goal, I have to obtain all 10 pillars of their powers.

...Our circumstances so far, we might be eventually received all 10 pillars of the

protection.

Well originally, the Divine Beast's protection wasn't a thing to be received so easily.

In fact, we shouldn't even know that it exists.

Being able to receive such protection so easily.

I'm sure this protection will be necessary for me in the future?

And if we gather all 10 pillars, there might be some clue for us to travel back to the past as Fenrir-sama said.

Somehow thinking about such things, Cetus-sama started talking.

[So you're the rumoured Myne, Fu~mu, you're weaker than I thought.]

Certainly I look small but... while looking at me with such eyes and saying that directly, it hurts a little...

Towards Cetus-sama's sharp words, I should eat it up or not our talk would not progress.

[Well then, those childrens have already called my name, but I should still say it properly.

My name is Cetus, the one that governs the sea race, and as you can see, I'm a whale Divine Beast.]

Whale? What's a whale?

Amy-san was also like, what? While having that expression, she probably doesn't know either.

[Aah, you don't know what a whale is. I see, have you seen the ocean before? It's a creature that lives in the sea, which is also called the king of the sea! ...Well, whatever, just remember that I'm a whale... please...]



Even though Cetus-sama explained and we still had no idea what it was, Cetus-sama frown in sadness while looking at us.

...No wait, because it can't be help you know!?

It's not like I've ever seen the ocean before, what's more I have never heard of a thing called a whale!?

Aah, but Cetus-sama... is still frowning!? I'm sorry, I'm truly sorry.

Amy-san and I desperately apologized to Cetus-sama.

...After apologizing for a while, Cetus-sama who managed to recover her feelings started talking again.

It seems like this Divine Beast changes expressions often...

Like with other DIvine Beasts, I could feel an overwhelming presence, but now it seems like a relaxed feeling, which was similar to when you're having a conversation with your neighbours.

[Amy, don't worry about the World Tree. I'm diligently protecting it.]

I see... after that incident, the elf race greatly reduced in numbers, and those who survived scattered.

So even though the race who took care of the World Tree has long gone, the World

Tree still exists because Cetus-sama is still protecting it.

I'm sure Amy-san must've been worried about what happened to the World Tree over the past 10 years after she came out of the village.

I think Cetus-sama would have understood Amy-san's feelings. Hence why Cetus-sama talked to Amy-san.

[I'm truly thankful to Cetus-sama... I'm relieved.]

While watching Cetus-sama talking with Amy-san, I noticed something.

Apparently Waffle and his brothers who were watching seemed to have noticed too.

At the back of Cetus-sama? It seems that a small shadow was moving about.

"Wafuu!!!"

Waffle was extremely happy, while shaking his tail violently, he climbed onto Cetus-sama's body.

Apparently, he's running towards that small shadow.

And that small shadow...

"Kyuu~Kyuu~!"

"Wafu Wafu!"

It was a small pink colour... Whale.

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[Myne, this is my friend!]

Waffle started introducing the small whale while striking his paws on it.

[KyuKyu! Nice to meet you.]

Uu, what an adorable little creature...

[Nice to meet you! My name is Myne!]

As we greeted each other, it seemed that Cetus-sama who was talking with Amy-san noticed us.

[That child is my daughter, How about it, she's as beautiful as me right?]

I'm sorry, I don't understand.

Name: Cetus (Child)

LV: 23

Race: Divine Beast

Gender: ♀

(Skill)

Divine Beast's assault Divine Beast's Defence Bubble Shower

[Ability]
Dimensional Floating
Underwater Prison

Yeap, I have just saw something awesome. Even though it's the same size as Waffle, but it's strong.

[Myne, I'm sorry but I have a favour to ask, would you listen?]

Cetus-sama has a favour to ask of me? I wonder what is is?

[Could you bring this child to the outside world?

For a long time, she wanted to see what the outside world looks like, and because she wanted to see she kept being noisy about it, but I kept telling her the outside world is noisy?

That's why, I banned her from going outside.]

A Divine beast child that was curious... And since I'm familiar with Cetus-sama, I could somehow understand her feelings.

[Though, if she were to be with Myne, the story would be different.

If you look after the child, I can also be relieved.

You're on good terms with Fenrir's kids, so I'm sure you would do a good job.

How about it? Will you take her along?]

...U~n, I kind of understand but not really...

Though, unlike Waffle, wouldn't it be a problem if people see her appearance?

I could somehow deceive others by saying Waffle is a variant type of Wolf, but I won't know how to deceive others with a creature that just floats in mid air.

Plus, they're lots of bad people like Claude in the outside world.

Speaking of rare monsters, a senior also told me before, that there might be a possibility that they would be kidnapped too.

Of course, I will try my best not not have such a thing to happen when it comes... But it's not absolute.

That's why my answer would obviously be...

[No no no no, Cetus-sama!? That's impossible!!]

I started talking to Cetus-sama while pushing my idea as if getting rid of something. I'm really sorry about it, but it's really hard to keep her.

[...Myne.]

When I tried to refuse Cetus-sama again, Waffle called my name with that puppy eyes of his.

...Well, apparently Waffle wants to agree to it.

Both Cetus-sama and her daughter, stared at me for the time being.

Aah, this is impossible... these two looking at me with those kinds of eyes, the decision has already been made has it.

[No, but...]

While looking at them, as if an opportunity arises, Cetus-sama opened her mouth again.

[Myne's worries are understandable, but this is my child after all.

I can't keep pace with the human beings, it's the same with Fenrir and the boys.

Plus, it's true that a whale-type demon are certainly unusual, but it's not like they don't exist.

Humans who have entered the Labyrinth of Water should have seen a few before.]

While talking about it, she could get experience while fighting with us, and she wants me to receive it as a means to strengthen the connections between the Divine Beasts by being together.

[...Am I, bothering you?]

As Cetus's child looked at me with eyes on the verge of tears, and being asked if she was getting in our way, it hurts my heart.

[...I understand, leave it to me.]

With that, a new family joined our house.

Author's Note:

Thank you for reading

So in conclusion, our next pet would be Cetus(whale).



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Hurriedly heading inside the dungeon, and having a new member joined our family was completely out of my expectations.

If normal people were to know that we're living with the children's of the Divine Beasts, I'm sure they'll faint.

For now, let's focus our minds elsewhere and fulfill our original purpose.

Originally, I was to bring Waffle and his brothers for a walk, and thus we went to this dungeon and explore.

In the meantime, I too wanted to see some of the unusual skills that Fenrir-sama mentioned.

This time, we were just strolling around. We had no intention of diving too deep, but since we're here why not see the first 2 floors.

"For now, let's go into the Dungeon of the World Tree as planned."

Everyone agreed to my proposal as we decided to go ahead. We bid farewell to Cetus-sama.

[Well then, Myne. I'll leave my daughter to you. If something happens, please contact me immediately.]

[I understand, since I've accepted her as part of my family like Waffle. So I'll do my best to protect her, so please be relieved!]

After separating with Cetus-sama, we passed through the hall that we were at and after walking through a sideway, we stepped into another hall.

After that, the child Cetus that was floating around my right shoulder spoke to me.

[Myne onii-sama, I want you, to give me, a nice name too!]

O, Onii-sama!?

I feel like going crazy...

[Waffle, is such a cute name... I'm extremely jealous! I wish to have a cute name too!]

...Anyways, a name huh. It's true that I would have to give one since we'll be living together from now on.

It would no doubt be convenient to give her a name so it would be easy to call her.

[U~n, a name huh.]

As I was pondering, Waffle's 2 brothers broke out.

[Not fair, us too, give us a name too!]

...Mu, you guys too? This is rather troublesome...

In any case, it's alright to give these two good names too. They're brothers too.

Looking at the situation of these children, it seems like I won't have time for a family meeting...

If I don't give them now, it would seem that they would make a huge scene.

[...I got it, then let me think up of names for y'all.]

First is a name for the child Cetus.

Since Cetus-sama said she was a "whale".

U∼n, let's see...

How about something like "Kuu"-chan? I think it's cute, but would she like it?

[Hmm, then how about "Kuu"?..."Kuu"-chan, un, isn't that cute?]

As I said so, the child Cetus's eyes shone brightly and began circling around my face.

[Onii-sama! That's it! That's good!] Apparently she likes it. That's a relief. [Then, let's decide on Kuu?] [Yes! I'm, Kuu. Kyuu~Kyuu~!] Seeing the cheerful Kuu, Waffle's brothers eyes also shone with expectations. ...They're really staring at me. [...Stare~] [...Wakuwaku.] Should I follow how I name Waffle... [Alright, the second son! Your name's Maple!] [Wafu! I'm, Maple!] [The third son! Your name would be... Louvre!] [Wafufu! I'm, Louvre!!] Waffle, Maple, and Louvre, all three of them were circling around me. Then, Kuu was also doing acrobatic floats(?) in front of me. It feels like... I can't gather anymore names.

[Alright guys, let's go. I understand that y'all are happy, so put that feelings while we explore!]

As usual, while calming down the excited children, we advanced to the back of the hall.

"...There it is."

Name: Mandragora

LV: 21

Race: Fairy race

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Gender: -

[Skill]

Wide range Sleep [Small]

[Seed's skill]
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...Huh? What's this [Wind Seed] ?

Wind Seed

This was the first time I saw a monster called Mandragora, so I have no idea what kind of skill that is.

Perhaps this was the unusual skill that Fenrir-sama was saying?

Let's [Cut] it for the time being.

[Wind Seed]: Wind magic.

...Huh, even after appraising it, I have no idea what it means?? Only the word Wind Magic was written...

[Hey, Kuu. If you know about it I want you to teach me but, does the monster here have some strange skills?]

[Kyu~, I don't quite understand.]

I see, even if Kuu lives here, she doesn't know either... Well, no choice if we don't know, at any rate, let's defeat it first.

[Myne, could we defeat that already?]

Un? It seems like Waffle and co were being impatient. Aah, it can't be help if they want to go wild?

[Un, go ahead.]

After saying that, the three brothers got closer to the prey immediately which was similar to the time when they were hunting in the Spirit Forest.

[Myne, do you have any, good skills?] [U~n, I've obtained a skill that I don't quite understand.] [??] [For now, let's advance.] Name: Mandragora LV: 26 Race: Fairy race Sex: -(Skill) Wide Range Sleep (small) [Seed Skill] Wind Seed Name: Mandragora LV: 26 Race: Fairy race Sex: -(Skill) Wide Range Sleep [small] [Seed Skill] Wind Seed More Mandragoras? Their levels were different, but their skills were exactly the same. ...For the time being let's [Cut] their skills. For now, I pasted [Wide Range Sleep<Small>]] onto Waffle... as for the [Wind Seed]]

Aah, that's right! Let's paste [10 Times EXP] onto Kuu too.

that I'm not sure off, I pasted it on the stone.

...While I'm at it, let's paste it onto Maple and Louvre too. I'm sure they'll fight together with us in the future!

It wouldn't be a dream where the Super Waffle and the brothers becomes a reality!

Equipping Lighting edge, I took a battle stance.

"Amy-san, Waffle and co and I are gonna start fighting them, will you pick up stones around us and throw at the monsters?"

"...Stones?"

"Yeah, well if you don't attack them, you won't get any experiences. So, please hit both of them."

"Experience? I don't quite understand, but I understand."

Ah, that's right. I explained about the skills but I did not talk about the experience values and skill levels.

"Aah, I'll explained to you later. For now just focus on throwing the stones at them."

"Alright."

After Amy-san said that, she started looking for some reasonable sized stones from the ground.

[Myne Onii-sama, how about me?]

[Does Kuu want to attack together with us?]

[I understand! I'll do my best!]

Kuu's tails were moving up and down while putting in spirit.

[Alright, let's go!]

Making sure that everyone's ready, Waffle and the brothers, Kuu, and I went straight for the Mandragora all at once.

[You can't defeat them before Amy-san hits them okay.] [[[Wafu!]]] [KyuKyu~] Perhaps noticing our presence, the Mandragora also rushed towards us with a weird "Kyupi!" voice. ...Mu, it moves faster than expected! Are they too strong of an enemy against us? Aah, but Waffle and co easily defeated them, did they not? Thinking such, maybe they're just small fries? Repeatedly using the [Demon Eye of Shock], I restraint the movement of the Mandragora. I hit one, but unfortunately the other one avoided it. ...Still, the skill was originally to restraint them. If they escaped it, it's no problem. Because the ones that are actually attacking are Waffle and co! [Kyu!] Kuu spewed out a lot of small balloons from her mouth. Those balloons(?) hit the Mandragora which was under the effect of the [Demon Eye of Shock). Then, the Mandragora who avoided the [Demon Eye of Shock], the youngest child of the three brother, Louvre hits the body, dealing damage. [Nice, Kuu, Louvre!] [Wafu!]

While talking to them, I could hear Amy-san's voice from behind.

"Myne-san, I'm gonna throw the stone!"

From earlier, it seemed like she had a hard time hitting her target with the stone. Well, her level was low, so it was natural.

[Alright, let's defeat it!]

While I was using my dagger to stab at the Mandragora that was hit by Kuu's balloon attack(probably the skill called [Bubble Shower]...), I heard Kuu calling out my name!

[Onii-sama! It's dangerous!]

...Eh?

Looking at the direction in which Kuu's voice was at, somehow a large crayfish hurls it's scissors like claws towards me.

This is bad!? Where did it come from!? While in a panic, I used [Absolute Avoidance].

...Apparently I avoided it in time.

The crayfish's big scissors slipped through my body and pierced the ground.

Time for payback! [Martial Arts: Shark Glow]

With it's scissors pierced through the ground, I strike the stuck crayfish with Shark Glow.

At the same time, it seems that Waffle and co also defeated the two Mandragora.

[...Fu, that was dangerous, thanks Kuu for saving me.]

[I'm glad! Kyuu Kyuu~!]

[Myne, this, it seems to still be alive.]

Waffle was poking at the crayfish which was on the verge of death.

Name: Yggdrasil-Crayfish

LV: 32

Race: Crustaceans

Sex: -

[Skill]
Support Magic-Direct Hit
Magic-Water L
[Seed Skill]

...A Crustacean, it's the first time meeting such species.

It has a body like armor, so maybe that's why it could withstand my Shark Glow?

It's also the first time seeing this [Support Magic-Direct Hit]. Let's [Cut] it for the time being.

[Support Magic-Direct Hit]: Raises the hit ratio of the enemy's physical attack. Once used, it needs a cooldown time of 3 minutes.

Eh? Isn't this useless? Wouldn't it be a pinch if you increase the enemy's hit rate.

[What's wrong? Myne.]

Water Seed

Waffle looked at me while I was thinking of the skill [Support Magic-Direct Hit]].

Explaining the skills that I've got from [Cut] , instead of Waffle speaking, Kuu was the one that started speaking first.

[Onii-sama, if you use that on a friend, wouldn't that be better?]

!!!

I see, I did not notice that.

That's true, it's not like I have to use it on the enemy or a magician.

Perhaps, there are other magics like this that can be used for other people!

[Kuu, thanks for teaching me!]

[Kyu! You're welcome!]

When I thanked Kuu, she was clearly happy as she flew around me again.

While watching such a cheerful face, I called Amy-san over.

"Amy-san, please come over here."

Amy-san came to me from my call.

"Myne-san, what's wrong?"

"This, please hit it with a stone."

I'm sure that since this level is high, she'll get a high amount of experiences points too. After making sure that Amy-san defeated it with the stone, Kuu pointed at a direction.

Alright, with our condition, let's go to the boss room!

Name: Myne-Fortuna

LV: 63

Race: Hyume Gender: Male

Age: 15 years old

Occupation: Hunter

[Skill]

Support Magic-Direct Hit new!

Magic-Water [Large] new!

[[Seed Skill]]

Wind Seed **new!**

Water Seed new!

Name: Amy

LV: $11 \rightarrow 55$ Level Up!

Race: High–Elf Gender: Female Age: 121 years old

Occupation: Elder daughter of the chief

Name: Waffle

LV: 31→56 **Level Up!**

Race: Divine Beast

Gender: &

Condition: Tamed (Myne)

Name: Kuu

LV: 23→52 **Level Up!** Race: Divine Beast

Gender: ♀

Condition: Myne's sister(?)

[Skill]

Divine Beast's Assault Divine Beast's Defence Bubble Shower 10 times EXP **new!**

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Pebbles: Wind Seed (2) new!

Chapter 137 Dungeon of the World Tree (2) Fighting against the first floor boss

"Myne-san, I've hit it with a stone!"

After hearing Amy-san's voice, I used a short sword to defeat the aggro-ed Mandragora.

Even though we've went quite far ahead, the only demons that we've encountered were mostly Mandragora and Crayfish.

They had [Seed's Skill] and some rare items, but the same demons would always have the same items and skills.

The Mandragora would have [Wind Seed] , whereas the Crayfish would have [Water Seed].

"U \sim n, I would expect a mountain of treasures as what Fenrir-sama said.

Honestly, I don't even know whether to call it a treasure... but seriously, what's this [Seed's Skill]?"

Amy-san, Kuu, and even Waffle had low levels at first, but as we dwelled deeper, their level's increased in leaps and bounds, but now it doesn't level up anymore, similar to me.

According to my experience, the most effective way to use the [10 times EXP] is to defeat a high leveled demon when you're low leveled.

Then, if you were to defeat a demon that is lower leveled than you, your level would not increase it seems.

Which meant that there wasn't any skills to hunt, nor would our level increase anymore, which made me felt like I wasn't using my time wisely.

Although Amy-san did not directly participate it the battles, even she felt used to it.

Well, originally we came here as a picnic with the 3 brothers, so it would be a good time to head back once we defeat the boss on this floor.

Probably, the essence of this dungeon lies deeper within the dungeon.

[After we defeat the floor boss, should we head back to the Forest Spirit?]

When I suggested it, both Maple and Louvre started shouting, "Dont' wanna, don't wanna!".

When I asked the elder brother, Waffle to please somehow convinced them, he pat his chest and barked [Wafu, leave it to me!] and talked to his brothers.

Wondering whether the persuasion of the eldest son was successful, the two of them were more obedient, but they were still silently saying "I don't wanna."

[Wafuu...] Waffle made a weak sounding voice, and Kuu was floating around new Maple and Louvre.

[Cut it out right now!! Onii-sama would be troubled!]

Her fin was flapping left and right, and her tail was wagging up and down, and she started to lecture the two spoiled brothers.

Being poked by a sharp sword, the two brothers gradually turned silent.

[...Do you understand!?]

[Wafuu~~~]

Somehow, the explanation was over. And with a satisfied expression, Kuu swam(?) back to me.

[They've become quiet! Please praise me! Onii-sama!]

Kuu's expression flipped a 180 and Waffle's tired expressions was gone.

[Both of you... good work, thank you.]

As a reward, I gently patted Kuu's back and Waffle's head.

[Maple and Louvre, both of you, come here.]

I also patted the slightly saddened duo, and their energeticness slowly returned.

[...Well then, Waffle, do you know the directions to the boss?]

Perhaps among us all, Waffle would be the best in the awareness (detection) ability.

The scene around us all looked the same, so it was hard to pinpoint the location of the boss.

It wasn't a bad idea to paste the awareness ability on Waffle.

[Wafufuu... I'll try searching!]

Having his spirit regained by me patting his head, Waffle started sniffing on the ground to locate the boss.

"Waffle-chan, does that work?"

Amy-san heard the conversation between me and Waffle, so she decided to ask.

"Yeap, Waffle's awareness ability is top notch!

I too have [Awareness-L]], but it losses against Waffle's!"

When she saw me praising Waffle, Amy-san snuck a smile.

"Myne-san, you really do like Waffle-chan huh♪"

Hearing that sentence, Waffle's tails started wagging like crazy. Seems like he was quite happy with that remark.

"Un, I love him! Because his my important family!"

[Onii-sama! Do you also love me!?] [[Myne~Do you love us too?]]

[Un, of course! I love both Maple and Louvre, and even though I've only known Kuu for some time, I still love y'all!]

After hearing my response, Waffle's brothers and Kuu were extremely happy.

[Myne! Boss, found him~]

His tail was swinging like crazy as he told me about the whereabouts of the boss. I scratched Waffle's lower chin for the great job he did, and he narrowed his eyes in happiness while growling Waffle~ while wagging his tail.

"Alright, let's go there then! Let's do our best and defeat the boss!"

Having Waffle leading the way, we headed to the area where the floor boss is.

Along the way, we encountered two Crayfishes, but it was defeated instantly by the hyped Waffle and co.

Of course I [Cut] the skills, but as expected they have the same things.

As I thought from the Dungeon of the World Tree, if it's the same demon species, then they all would have the same skills.

Though the Dungeon of Power and the Orc Settlements had the same species, but each of them held different skills, so this dungeon itself was special in it's own way. Because of that, I had a bunch of [Water Seeds]] and [Wind Seeds]] that I have no idea what it's usage is for.

Once I returned to the Forest Spirit, I'll immediately asked Fenrir-sama what these skills are.

As for the two skills [Support Magic-Direct Hit] and [Magic-Water L], I've already pasted it on everyone.

If Amy-san has two of these skills, I'm sure even she could participate in the boss fight!

Even though it's just throwing stones, but with the amount of times she's done that, I'm sure even she would get used to it.

...Yeap, let's try asking her to join in on the boss fight.

[Wafu! We're here! After this, the boss is there!]

Waffle used his right paws to point at a direction, where a huge door composed of complex vines of trees was present.

Similar to the Dungeon of Power, I guess if you touch the door, you'll be send inside.

[Then, before we head in, let's prepare ourselves!]

After saying that, the Divine Beast Corps(Waffle and Co and Kuu), Amy-san and I gathered in a circle.

We won't know what sort of Demon it'll be, but let's fight with all we have.

[First, before we fight it, let me appraise it first.]

After saying that, I took out Lighting Edge and Steel Dagger as my preparations. Then, I pasted [Regeneration] on Kuu and Amy-san which they didn't have.

Since I've pasted it on Maple and Louvre before, so they're A-okay. ...I would never forget my lesson against the Black Dragon that we've faced before.

Alright, all set. Let's do our best!

We then put our hands on the door in order, and immediately was sent straight into the boss room.

[Everyone all in?]

I looked around, checking that Waffle and the brothers, Kuu, and Amy-san were all present.

Then, I slowly turned to face the boss.

Name: Yggdrasil-Mega Beetle

LV: 48

Race: Crustacea

Gender: -

[Skill]

Driver Raid

Flight

Support Magic-Defence

[Seed's Skill]
Wind Seed (L)

...This boss, it was a huge golden Kabuto Beetle.

It looks to be pretty disfigured...

"That, looks really disgusting..."

Amy-san said that in a disgusted tone.

Since I thought it was disgusting too, when a girl like Amy-san were to see that, she would definitely hate it.

For now, let's take away all of his skills.

It'll be troublesome if he were to use the skill [Flight]], so let's take that away first.

...Even so, this Kabuto Beetle has a Seed's Skill (L).

I wonder if there's stages in strength with this seed skills? I'm really curious now...

Then, let the battle begin!

It's the same with the Crayfish, just looking at this demon, it seems to have a really hard skin.

Raising my attack power, I was ready to fight.

I stacked [Body Strengthening-L] [Physical Strengthening-Extreme] [Strong Arms-Holy] [Iron Wall] and [Strength Raise].

Waffle also used [Strong Arms-Extreme] [Body Strengthening-Small] and [Strength Raise].

[Kyuu! Everyone, please gather at once!]

Kuu asked all of us to gather. Then using [Defense of the Divine Beast] on all of us which increased our Defence.

[Alright, now let's go!]

After saying that, I used [Support Magic-Defence Down] on the Kabuto Beetle.

Increasing our attack power, whilst lowering our enemies defence.

With this, no matter how tough the Kabuto Beetle is, it wouldn't be hitting him with *no damage* of that sort.

Getting hit by [Support Magic-Defence Down] , the Kabuto Beetle started an attack stance.

...Though, I've already [Cut] his skills!

Being unable to fly, and also unable to use any of his skills to attack.

Wondering why it couldn't activate it's skill, the Kabuto Beetle roared in anger and started swinging it's huge horns.

The swinging horn was headed to Kuu's direction.

[KyuKyuKyuu—-!]

Kuu countered with her [Bubble Shower] skill that we've seen during her first battle. Large impact noise spreaded around, and the Kabuto Beetle changed it's trajectory in an unlikely direction.

Then, the staggered Kabuto Beetle lost balance and the impact was transmitted to the entire body.

Not letting this chance slip by, Waffle and his brothers charged in with their [Divine Beast's Twin Attack].

With the violent banging sounds still reverberating from Kuu's previous attack, the back part of the Kabuto Beetle which was hard and shiny was wide opened where the wings were hidden.

From that hole, the body fluids of the Kabuto Beetle blew out in a violent momentum.

"Now Amy-san! Fireeeeee--!"

Hearing me shout, the nervous Amy-san continuously fired [Magic-Water L] with [Support Magic-Direct Hit]].

The magic hit the huge Kabuto Beetle toppled with Kuu's [Divine Beast's Assault].

Kuu's skills were amazing, though I wonder if it was effective or not.

The huge Kabuto Beetle was blown off several meters away with a furious momentum!

It bounced repeatedly on the ground, and flew near the door of the boss room we entered just now, then the Kabuto Beetle jerked in pain.

Then, I struck it at once and beat it down with [Martial Arts: Shark Glow].

With multiple attack skills, the blow easily cut through the hard shell of the Kabuto Beetle, erasing it's life.

[...Fu, is it over?]

I took a great distance away from the unmoving Kabuto Beetle, and muttered. Thinking that it might still be alive, I was cautious around it.

After waiting for awhile, I confirmed that light shunted out of the body of the Kabuto Beetle.

I tried disassembling the body using $[\![Cut]\!]$, and the dismantling was completed in a blink of an eye.

"...Seems like we've safely defeated it."

Well then, if it's the boss of this dungeon, I wonder what amazing loots we'll get.

[Robust-Shield]: A shield that was made from a very hard material. It has a strong magic power which greatly attenuates damage caused by physical attacks.

What was dropped was a shiny black shield with golden edges.

Based on the appearance, it seems that it has high defence, and it looks expensive!

I lifted it up, but it's light enough which was opposite of its size.

Then, a girl would be alright holding it too.

This was beyond my expectations, we've good a good item!

For now, let's go back to the Spirit Forest as scheduled.

Name: Myne-Fortuna

LV: 63

Race: Hume Gender: Male Age: 15 years old Occupation: Hunter

(Skill)

Driver Raid new!

Flight new!

Support Magic-Defence new!

[Seed's Skill]

Wind Seed (L) new!

Name: Amy

LV: 55

Race: High–Elf Gender: Female Age: 121 years old

Occupation: Elder daughter of the chief

[Skill]

Support Magic-Direct Hit new!

Magic-Water L **new!**

Regeneration new!

Name: Waffle

LV: 56

Race: Divine Beast

Gender: ඊ

Condition: Tamed (Myne)

[[Skill]]

Support Magic-Direct Hit new!

Magic-Water L new!

Name: Kuu

LV: 52

Race: Divine Beast

Gender: ♀

Condition: Myne's sister(?)

[[Skill]]

Support Magic-Direct Hit new!

Magic-Water L new!

Regeneration **new!**

Chapter 138 Question from Fenrir

[Did anyone get hurt?]

Just to be sure, I placed the Kabuto Beetle's materials and the Robust–Shield into the storage bag before confirming everyone else.

[[[Wafuu!We're fine~~]]]

[Onii-sama, you're actually worried about Kuu! I'm so happy!]

[Yes, there's no injuries.]

Seems like everyone's fine. That's good.

Though they're still children, but the 4 of them are still Divine Beasts, the floor boss would've still been defeated.

Although I stopped them, even if I wasn't there, I'm pretty sure they could've just as easily defeated it too.

For an ordinary adventurers, probably the only tough time they'll have is the hard shell of the beetle...

I thought so too during the time in the Dungeon of Power that they would have no problems even on the deeper floors.

While watching Waffle and his brothers and Kuu chasing around each other, I summarized my thoughts on the strategies of the Dungeon.

"Did something interesting came up in your mind?"

Amy-san looked at me and asked.

Aah, suddenly staying silent while crouching, I'm sure she was worried about me...

"No, it's nothing! I was just thinking about the dungeon that's all!"

"...Are you sure? If you have anything worrying you, please tell me okay!

Myne-san and Waffle-chan and everyone, all of you helped me so much, so this time it's my turn to help everyone back!"

Amy-san said with a refreshing smile.

Un, I guess a large weight has been lifted? The time where she met with Ymir-sama face to face went well, and because of Cetus-sama, she did not mind taking care of the World Tree, so now she's gotten better.

What's more, it all depends on how hard I put in, because there is a possibility that I can help the elf race.

I'm sure the situation right now, Amy-san has a huge hope in what was to come in the future.

We also have the Divine Beasts'-sama help. When we'll meet with all of them, that I'm not sure but... one thing I do know is to find another skill that mixes with [Appraisal-Complete].

Then, we can turn over the tragedy of the elf race!

Well, I put in my all to do it but... either way it won't be immediate. Following our schedule, it's' time to head back to the DIvine Spirit Forest.

[Cetus-sama, can you hear me.]

Speaking of going back to the Divine Spirit Forest. Let's meet up with Cetus-sama first before leaving.

Since I was asked to help take care of her beloved daughter.

So I'll have to give a proper greeting!

[N, is that you, Myne? What's the matter.]

[Yes, our objective of defeating the first floor boss has been completed, so before we head home, I want to greet you first!]

[As Fenrir said, what a rational kid... Well whatever, it's a good thing. Go back safely you hear me, and please take care of my beloved daughter.] [Yes! I understand!]

After finished greeting with Cetus-sama, it's time to head back.

[Everyone, let's go back home!]

I called out to the DIvine Beast Corps who were still running around cheerfully.

And then... they answered with [[[Wafuwafu]]] [Kyuu] as they ran towards my direction.

Aah, not this again!!!

Leaving it to momentum, the three brothers jumped on me, making me fall, and started licking on my face until my entire body was sticky.

It's a soft and comfortable feeling but we have to go home!

Then, this time Kuu's among them, though for some reason was dancing on top of my head strangely...

If this keeps up, we will never get back home on time. So, while lying down, I used [Unique Magic-Spacetime]].

[Alright, everyone that's enough! Let's go!]

After saying that, Waffle was first to jumped into the black hole. Next was Kuu, then Maple, then Louvre.

"Fuu, what a hard time they gave me..."

As I said that while standing up, Amy-san smiled and laughed with a "Fufufu", while walking into the black hole.

"Then, I'll head in first!"

Fuu, yare yare daze...

I sighed, and went into the black hole.

Then, before I went inside, I turned to look at the Dungeon of the World Tree, and bowed.

"...I'll come again! Thank you so much!!"

With that, I went into the black hole which leads to the Divine Spirit Forest.

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When I came out at the other end of the black hole, the first thing that flew towards me...

"Wafu!"

...Yes, it was Waffle.

And as always, he climbed onto my head as usual, and yawned.

Then Maple and Louvre ride on Fenrir-sama's head, and of course they too yawned heavily.

They looked sleepy, which made me think that when they jumped onto me awhile ago was a lie.

...Well, seems like they've exhausted themselves.

Especially the moment Maple and Louvre came back home, aren't they too comfortable already?

I bitterly smiled, and greeted Fenrir-sama.

[I'm home!]

[Aah, good work. The children seems satisfied too, thanks.]

Saying that, Fenrir-sama gently looked at the kids who were lying down while rolling around on her back.

Amy-san smiled brightly too when seeing such sight.

[Then, Myne... how was it? The Dungeon of the World Tree.]

[Aah, yes! I've met with Cetus-sama!]

A I said so, Kuu was happily floating at a pretty high place in joy.

[Aah, it's the daughter of Cetus. So in the end, she asked you to take care of her?]

Eh? Why does Fenrir-sama know about the conversations with Cetus-sama?

[You do not have to show such strange expression, because I told her about my children bothering you, and that one of my child was living with you.]

...Aah, Fenrir-sama... you knew then?

If you knew about it, then I wish you would've told me earlier.

As if reading the voices in my heart, Fenrir-sama continued.

[Wouldn't it spoil the fun if I told you from the beginning? How was it, wasn't it fun?]

No, it wasn't fun at all...

While murmurring in my mind, Fenrir said "I see" while laughing with a 'Ku~ku~ku' voice.

Seems like she was in a good mood because everything went well.

[...By the way, I wanted to talk to Fenrir-sama about these interesting skills I've found... What is this [Skill Seed] ?]

[N? Aah, that's right. So you've collected quite a sum?]

[Yes, although... what is it used for? Even with appraisal I couldn't find out what it was...]

Yes, even with appraisal, only the Magic Wind comes out. I don't understand with just that information alone.

[I too don't really understand it well, I just heard it when God spoke of another skill to

combine with [Appraisal-Complete].]

Mu..., even Fenrir-sama doesn't know about it.

Really, what on earth is this?

[It's just that, God has said one thing. Myne, let me convey what God said to you.]

Eh? From God!? Wha-what would that be?

[To whom did you paste the skill seed that you've [Cut]]?]

[Ehmm, first it was me. The rest of it was stuck to these pebbles.]

I took out the pebbles from the storage bag and place it on the palm of my hand before giving it to Fenrir-sama.

For a while, Fenrir-sama stared at the stone gently, then she asked.

[Have you tried appraising these pebbles?]

Eh? Appraising the pebbles that has the [Skill Seed] pasted on them? I've not tried it yet...

Name: Pebbles

(Skill)

[Wind Seed] x 8
[Water Seed] x 12

Yeah, there's nothing strange, but...

[There seems to be nothing but...]

I tilted my neck, and answered Fenrir-sama.

[...Are there really, nothing strange with the pebbles?]

There's definitely something that Fenrir-sama is pointing to me as a hint if she's focusing on it.

...What is it, exactly... I once again tried to appraise it. Name: Pebbles [Seed Skill] [Wind seed (Large)] (2) [Wind Seed] (3) [Water Seed (Large)] (2) [Water Seed] (2) U~n, I don't think there's anything wrong with it... ...!!!!! Oh, is it perhaps...! I took out another pebble from the storage bag. If my theory is correct...!!!!Yes, it is so! So what Fenrir-sama was trying to say was this!

Chapter 139 What the heck is a skill seed!?

Ah, could it be...!

I took out another pebble from within my storage bag.

If my assumption is correct...!!!! Aah, that's what I thought so! So *this* is what Fenrir-sama was trying to point out!

From within the storage bag, the pebble that I took out was pasted with the constant skills that made the bath a huge success.

Name: Pebble

(Skill)

Constant: Water Constant: Water Constant: Water Constant: Water Constant: Water Constant: Water

...The skills that are written right now are clearly different!

The Skill Seed had one [Wind Seed. (3) pasted on the pebble. However, the skill that was on this pebble was divided into individual [Constant: Water] instead.

...What's more, the pasted number did not match.

The totality of the Wind Seed was 8, while the Water Seed was 12. However, the result that appraisal showed was...

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Name: Pebbles

[Skill Seed]

[Wind Seed (Large)] (2)

[Wind Seed] (3)

[Water Seed (Large)] (2)

[Water Seed] (2)
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The number of Wind Seeds were odd, there should only be 1 [Wind Seed (Large)] but for some reason I have 2 now.

What's more, the [Wind Seed (Large)] that I've never acquired before was now shown to be 2.

Which means, these are...

[Fenrir-sama, is it that if you repeatedly paste the skill seed on itself, it'll transform to (Large) after every 5 stacks?]

I wanted to confirm my suspicion with Fenrir-sama...

Then, I could see Fenrir-sama's mouth moving as though saying [That's correct] while being delighted.

[Strictly speaking, that isn't a skill.]

...Eh? It's not a skill? Then what is it exactly!? If I remember correctly, the appraisal skill did mentioned some unknown meaning on the skill seeds...

[I've mentioned to you before that the World Tree supplies magic to our world, right? So the demons that resides within the dungeon, they've absorbed the magic that was released by the World Tree.

The Skill Seeds, though it has the word *skill* in it, strictly speaking it's just a mass of pure magic.

Try imagining it as a clay, if you mix two small clays together, wouldn't it form a slightly large clay?

Hence, when you [paste] them onto the same object, just like clay, the Skill Seed would also turned slightly larger.]

Now I get it, if I think of it as "A chunk of magic named Skill Seed", then it'll be easier to understand.

Wait? Then... what is this even used for?

[I understood the pure magic! However, what is it used for then?]

[How would I know? I have no idea either. In the first place, there weren't any value on this [Skill Seed].

If a demon that absorbs the seed dies, it'll once again be taken away(Return to) by the World Tree.]

[...In that case, there's no meaning in collecting this then?]

Listening to Fenrir-sama's explanation, it was a great disappointment as Fenrir-sama strongly denied.

[No, remember when I said "until now". I've only heard of this [Skill Seed] from God. And God wanted me to tell you about this. Which meant that there must be some use if God wanted me to convey this to you.]

From God!? And the meaning behind Fenrir-sama saying "until now".

Which meant that it probably had to do with my [Appraisal-Complete] and [Cut & Paste]] which made it appear.

...Or maybe, it had to do with what God said about the other skill that combines with [Appraisal-Complete].

Whatever it is, as long as I have the skills for it, the useless [Skill Seed] would eventually be of use.

I guess that's what God was trying to say.

[...I understand, if I have the time I'll go to the Dungeon of the World Tree and conquer again.]

Yeap, I won't know when I'll be doing that...

But I'll be sure to conquer the Dungeon of the World Tree.

[Aah, the road will be far ahead, so do it without hurting yourself.

Even if you don't know what that would do, you could just collect it first until you'll

figure out what it does someday.]

Fenrir-sama reassured me.

Then, looking at Kuu who was flying high up, she lightly sighed.

[...Though, the daughter of Cetus sure is energetic as usual. She could really compete with my boys.]

[KyuKyu?]

Because the topic related to her came out, she looked at us and tilted her head. Then, she slowly floated towards us.

[Kyuu! Fenrir Obaa-sama, did you call for me?]

[No, it's nothing big, just asking you to continue to be friends with my boys.]

[Yes! I will! We're all really close! Right!]

As Kuu said so, she flew on top of my head where Waffle was on the verge of sleeping.

[Wafffuuuu...]

[Hey, please get a hold of yourself!]

U~n, doesn't he look like he's about to sleep... Even Maple and Louvre were already asleep.

I wanted to talk with Fenrir-sama a little longer, but I guess I'll leave it to next time.

[Waffle, you look like you're about to fall asleep anytime soon, let's head home then!]

After saying then Fenrir-sama stood up, she licked my face before saying [Get home safely].

Then, Amy-san who was close by, once again licked her face.

[Amy, please take care of yourself. It might take some time.

I'm sure Myne is trying his best to fix the bad things that have happened in your past.

So, you'll have to be firm and work hard too, alright.]

Amy-san who was suddenly licked in the face stopped moving out of surprise, but when she heard the words from Fenrir-sama, her facial expression tighten.

[...Yes, I'll do my best.]

With that, we all head back to our home, Lucas.

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"Welcome... back..."

We passed through the black hole to our home, and the person waiting for us at home was Aisha.

The first who went in the black hole was Amy-san. Then it was me then Waffle... then Kuu.

Aisha's word stopped mid sentence when she saw Kuu drifting in the air.

"...What's wrong Aisha. It's only Danna-sama that has returned... wait a minute!!!! What's that creature!?"

Aah, Sylphy too.

[...Onii-sama, am I... not wanted here?]

With tears filling up on in her eyes, Kuu flew into my arms.

It seems that Aisha and Sylphy only heard sounds like "Kyu, Kyu, Kyuu $\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim\sim$ ", but it seems like Sylphy knew that she hurt her feelings.

[It's okay, the two of them were just surprised to see Kuu, that's all.]

Somehow, my feelings match with my two wives.

"Uhm, let me introduce. This is the daughter of the Divine Beast, Cetus-sama. Her name is Kuu.

Cetus-sama herself strongly desired to let her daughter stay with me just like how Waffle was put under our care.

So similar to Waffle, she'll be a member of our family."

As I said that, Kuu turned towards the two of them angrily and said "KyuKyuKyuKyuu!" while lowering? Her head.

"W, what did you just say!? This child was?"

"Th, the divine beast Cetus-sama!?"

"She just said, [My name is Kuu, please to meet you.]."

The two of them each have their own reaction, as Aisha murmured "...cute.".

"I'm sorry, I didn't mean to hurt your feelings, please forgive me.
I am one of my Danna-sama's wife, Sylphid–Fortuna. Please to meet you Kuu."

Sylphy sounded like a knight, as she straightened her back while talking to Kuu.

"Kyu, kyu!"

"...I'm sorry, Kuu-chan. Nice to meet you, I'm Aisha, Aisha–Fortuna. I am also one of Myne's wife. Let's be friends!"

"KyuKyu!"

After hearing the introductions of the two of them, Kuu's bad mood was left as she flew towards them.

Yeap, it doesn't seem to be a problem.

With that, a new family was born in our Fortuna family.

Chapter 140 Reunion

After returning from the Dungeon of the World Tree, we've lazed around at home for two days.

The initial plan was to go to various places to increase the number of place we could travel, but the events in the World Tree occupied us for a long time, and even I was tired from it and needed a break.

Both Sylphy and Aisha smiled and said to not worry about it, so I decided to take their offer and rest.

"...Fu, this feels great!"

I spoke to Waffle who was floating upside down on the bath.

Yeap, the first thing we did was going into the bathroom.

[Wafu~♪]

With Waffle's intervention(?), I managed to make the temperature of the water constantly hot forever, which made our lives easier.

It's nice to soak inside a warm water after a long period of time, but soaking in a hot bath feels better.

Speaking of warm baths, I recently noticed something interesting...

Within our household who loves a hot bath were me, Waffle, and Aisha, the three of us? (2 person and 1 animal).

Conversely, the people who loves a warm bath were Sylphy and Amy-san... And, for some reason even Kuu too.

Because of our different likings, I had to switch between hot and warm baths everyday.

Meanwhile, Sylphy and Kuu would take a bath together everyday.

It surprised me that these two would become such great friends so quickly.

[Today's another great bath.]
[Kyuu Kyuu, that's right, Sylphy Onee-sama!]

While Waffle was resting on top of my head, Kuu would frequently float around Sylphy's shoulder.

Although Sylphy originally thought it was troublesome to see, but the sight of Kuu made her think otherwise.

Name: Kuu

LV: 52

Race: Divine Beast

Sex: 9

Status: Little sister of the Fortuna Family.

Somehow, when appraising Kuu, the status of my sister(?) suddenly changed to Little sister of the Fortuna family(decided), which shocked me.

She's now completely familiar with everyone.

By the way, Kuu's also in good terms with Aisha. It's just that their interest in bathtime doesn't coincide so Kuu spends most of her time with Sylphy in the bathroom. Aisha generally loves cute things, so she really loves both Waffle and Kuu.

Whenever she has freetime from work, she'll play with either one of them.

"Myne-kun, there's a guest waiting to see you~!"

Aisha called for me from outside the bathroom.

[A guest? Who could it be?... Waffle, I'm heading out first, how about you?] [I, want to stay here, for a little while longer~]

As always, Waffle answered me while floating on the water.

Using its tails to move about, the appearance of him moving in all directions was adorable.

[Well then, I'll head out first! Don't stay for too long okay?]

[Wafu, I know~]

...Though, it's rare to have a guest right now.

At the moment, I'm being treated like a noble, but it was in name only... so who could it be?

Could it be the master craftsman? Or is it the Guild Leader?... No wait, couldn't be the Guild Leader.

If it really was the Guild Leader, he would have conveyed the message to Aisha without needing to call me out.

Plus it must be someone I know, since Aisha called for me.

Hmm∼, no matter how much I think I don't know who it was.

Well, for now let's quickly change and head to the living room! I can't let the guest wait for long.

After changing, I went to the living room, and someone unexpected was waiting there.

"Long time no see, Myne-dono."

Yes, the one waiting at the living room was the Captain of the Knight's Division who was indebted to me.

"I apologize for getting in the way of your break."

As always he's so polite, I thought as I spoke.

"L, Long time no see! How are you doingl!!"

Unconsciously, I was reminded of the game made by Claude in the Divine Forest. At that time, he really caused a lot of problems for me...

"If I may ask, how is Fenrir-sama's son faring?"

...Eh? Have I ever spoken to Captain-san about Waffle's true form before? If I'm not mistaken, I've only said that Waffle's a wolf...

"Fufu, I see that you're making a strange face right now? It was the King-sama that

informed me about it."

Aah, I see. So he heard from King-sama!

...Wait, Eeeeeeeeeeh? Wh, what did he just say? The King!!!!

I know that the Captain of the Knight is someone to be trusted, but isn't he taking this as just a casual conversation?

"You're surprised, is that right?"

Opposite of my surprise, the Captain showed a happy face just like a mischievous child.

"Stop it, don't tease my Danna-sama anymore."

Sylphy who overheard our conversation stepped in between and interrupted our conversation.

"Yes! Your Highness Sylphid, I apologize for my rudeness!"

"...I've said this many times, you no longer have to call me 'Your Highness'."

"To me, Your Highness is your highness!"

"...Haah, well whatever, do what you like. Anyways, you have something to say to my Danna-sama right?

So can you settle down first and tell him that?"

Hmm? So something has happened?... Well obviously. If not, the Captain-san wouldn't have come here in a hurry to tell me that.

...However, what is this. Is it something like the time with Claude again? I'm pretty nervous.

While looking nervous, the Captain-san looked at me and suddenly stood up, then in front of me, he took an upright posture.

"From today, I, Franz-Works, by the King's order, will be appointed as a knight for the Fortuna Family.

That's all, please take care of me."

...Eh?

"Which means, to put it in layman's term, you're appointed by father to be Amy's escort guard."

Sylphy explained the situation to me that was occuring right now in a simpler manner.

Aah, now that you talk about it... King-sama did mention something like that once. I see, no wonder he knew about Waffle.

Since he'll be closely involved with us, he has to know all the information. What's more, his personality is good in my books, and he's acquainted to both me and Sylphy.

Which also means he knew about the situation of Amy-san.

"From the outside, I would still belong as the King's Konoe Knights, but in actual fact, I will be the Head of the Konoe Knights of the Fortuna Family."

However, I remember that King-sama said that he'll send several people? There's the Captain-san here... Franz-san only. In the end, is one person sufficient?

Besides, wouldn't it cause a disturbance?

"I heard that King-sama said that he'll dispatch some Civil Officials here..."

I asked while thinking.

"Yes, I'm here for today, but two more knights and two civil servants are coming soon in the near future.

As soon as they arrive, I'll ask them to greet you."

Well, they would be coming here after the Clan House is completed.

Also, thanks to the hard work done by the Craftsman-san and the Magic Architects, the Clan House has come to a point where it will be completed soon. They're working hard right now as we speak.

"I understand! Captain-san, no Franz-san! I'm still inexperienced but please to work

with you too!

...By the way, what do you mean by Fortuna's Konoe Knights?"

Yeah, what does he mean by that??

Chapter 141 Franz and the Konoe Knights Division

"...By the way, what do you mean by Fortuna's Konoe Knights Division?"

When asking Captain Franz, he answered with a terribly serious expression.

"Myne-dono, do you know of the banner of the knights division?"

...No, I've never heard of that before? Was there such a division? I thought while being confused.

As if he'd heard my thoughts, Captain Franz continued to speak.

"Please be aware of it, Myne-dono is married to Your Highness Sylphid, so you're a noble too.

Although you're welcomed to the royal family, you do not have any self-defence or a konoe hired under you.

It is without a doubt that I am an escort guard for Amy-dono and I'll put in my 100% to fulfill this mission. However, protecting Myne-dono and Your Highness Sylphid in the shadows is also one of my other responsibility."

...It seems that I've been accepted to something absurd without even knowing in advance.

It also seemed like Captain Franz was consulted by King-sama directly.

Once the talk was settled, for the sake of Alto-san, my adorable sister, and me, it was decided that he'll be in charge of being the Konoe Knight of the Fortuna Family.

Alto-san, at least tell me first beforehand...

As I was thinking of some stuff, it seemed that big brother had a bigger purpose other than this.

I remember Sylphy telling me about it before.

From the bystanders viewpoint who doesn't know about this personal affairs, Captain Franz may be regarded as being demoted.

Well, obviously he wasn't demoted, but it's to appeal to the outsiders that he is.

So, of all the people, he was chosen as the one to boost the public opinion for the former first princess.

In short, the royal family prepared a subject to protect the Fortuna Family that Sylphy has married into.

Furthermore, it would divert everyone's attention of seeing that he has the huge responsibility of protecting the Fortuna Family, and this would be useful to hide the identity of Amy-san.

...I see, if it's like that, then I am somewhat convinced.

It's true that I've married Sylphy, and I've technically became part of the royal family, but it's not as though I've become some great person.

Frankly speaking I'm a noble, but honestly I don't really care about that.

...There's only one thing that I wish for, and that is to get along well with my family. The thought of such grandiose scheme had never occured to me before...

However, if it correlates to protecting Amy-san, then I can't do anything about it.

As a person, Captain Franza is talented, his ability is also high up there, plus there would be two other knights coming along.

What's more, it was the Captain himself that chose the two knights, so I'm sure their personality would be similar or will be someone that can be trusted.

Furthermore, a civil official would be coming to help on reception and accounting work.

The burden of Amy-san would then be greatly reduced.

All I can say is the benefit is stack in favour for us.

"I understand completely! Please take care of me from now on. By the way, after you're done for today... do you have anywhere to stay? Sorry to say but the Clan House is not completed at the moment..." Right, it's a little sudden to stay at our house right now. However, it's not good to let him stay at a neighbour's house either.

Well, what should I do about it.

"Aah, do not worry about me. To be honest, my family has also moved into Lucas with me.

Your Majesty has already arranged a place for us to stay... Afterwards, we plan to visit there."

Aah, I see! So they've completely moved to the Village of Lucas and decided to stay here.

It's logical that if he needs to be an escort for Amy-san, plus protecting our house, it's impossible to travel back and forth from the capital to here everyday.

And it's not like I can just show people my [Unique Magic-Spacetime] all the time.

Hmm? The [Unique Magic-Spacetime]... I feel like, I'm forgetting something... What could it be...

...
...Aaah, I've completely forgotten about it!!

King-sama himself told me to make a door that can travel to long distances. As various things happened in between, I've completely forgotten about that!

I'm sure, the King is waiting for it?

After Captain Franz leaves, I should go ahead and test it out.

I'm sure it would be the same image as creating the storage bag, and if I put my all to it, I could do it if I try it out.

If I can complete that, traveling around would be so much easier. Let's put in some effort and experiment with it.

Thinking about these in my head, I should also discuss about what to do after the completion of the Clan House, as I should call Aisha and Amy-san who weren't with us.

As a result, it was decided that Amy-san and two Civil servant-san would be living in the Clan House.

It was mentioned that the Civil servants were both girls. Then, I'm sure the Knight would be a girl too, so that would be 4 people in total.

All that's left is the male Knights-san, it was said that he would rent a house beside Captain Franz's house.

Obviously the King can't completely give a house to Captain Franz for free, but the rent for the house would be 80% off.

...Well, without such condition, I don't think he would move from the capital to Lucas.

"WafuWafu, Wafu~~♪"

Hm? It's Waffle's voice. Aah, seems like he's done with bathing. He looked like he had a great time in there.

With steam coming out of his body, Waffle entered the living room.

Then, he jumped on my shoulders, and positioned himself nicely on top of my head.

Afterwards, he tapped on my head with his paws several times before laying down.

"...Long time no see, Divine Beast-sama."

By Divine Beast, he meant Waffle who was looking rather listless, which Captain Franz called out to while bitterly smiling.

On top of me, as if realizing his existence just now, Waffle raised his right arm which showed his soft paws, and greeted with a "Wafu!".

"Aah, I've also given him a name, he's called Waffle.

Please call him Waffle from now on!"

As I informed Captain Franz, he immediately replied with "Please to meet you, Wafflesama" while bowing down his head.

Aah, I see. Captain Franza did say "Divine Beast-sama". It's rather obvious he would reply in that manner.

He's completely become part of our family, so we didn't notice about such formalities.

Instead of seeing him as Fenrir's son, he's just "Waffle" to us.

[Waffle, do you remember him? The Captain that was with us at the Divine Forest. He'll be staying at the Village of Lucas from now on, and he's assigned to be the escort guard for Amy-san.

Since it's Waffle, I wouldn't have to worry about anything but... I'll still say this, please be nice with him okay!]

[Wafu! I know!]

Waffle started to become more aware of his surroundings as his appearance slowly awaken... Then, I started to realize that there was someone else that wasn't with us.

"...Eeh? By the way, where's Kuu?"

Looking around, she doesn't seem to be around.

[Waffle, where did Kuu went?]

Since Captain Franz came all the way here, and we'll be seeing each other quite frequently, it's best to introduce Kuu to him right now.

...However, where did she went exactly?

[If it's Kuu, she's sleeping.]

...Eh? She's sleeping!? At this kind of hour?

H∼m, it's almost time for dinner too, I should probably wake her up then?

[Waffle, can you go and wake Kuu up for me?]

As I said that, Waffle said [Leave it to me!] and jumped down from my head before running to Sylphy's room where Kuu was sleeping.

Seeing that happened, Captain Franz asked about it.

"Who might this Kuu person be?"

"Aah, Kuu? Uhmm... Simply put, she's the daughter of the Divine Beast Cetus."

"...Eeh? What did you just say!? There's another child of the Divine Beast here!?"

Welp, this is going to be troublesome.

Chapter 142

Franz and the Children of the Divine Beasts

"...Eh? What did you just say!? There's another child of the Divine Beast living here!?"

Aah that's right. King-sama has yet to know of the existence of Kuu.

It's fairly normal to react like that when you've never even met a legendary Divine Beast before, let alone knowing whether they even have children or not.

Plus... I'm sure the Captain doesn't know a whale beast existed, similar to I was, he is gonna be shocked when he sees Kuu...

Now that I think about it, since they're used to it by now, but when my two wives first met Kuu, their reaction was amazing.

As if knowing what I was thinking about, Aisha looked at me while bitterly smiling.

"Un, Cetus-sama has assigned me to take care of her, and you might not have seen her before so don't be so shocked when you meet her, okay."

"I've not seen before!? What in the world could it be..."

I warned him first beforehand, as the Captain nodded while crossing his arms and started thinking about various things.

"When we first saw her, we were quite surprised too."

While listening to our conversation, Sylphy decided to participate too.

Letting the Captain to be deep in his thoughts, and after about 5 minutes, I could hear Waffle's footsteps coming from the corridor.

Aah, he has safely called Kuu up. As expected of Waffle.

...Which reminded me that Kuu is someone who has trouble waking up.

I remember shaking her around, and if I were to call out to her her eyes would immediately be wide awake. However, she looked like she was about to fall asleep again.

Before this...

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[Kuu, it's already morning! Kuu wake up! W-A-K-E U-P!]

While shaking her around, I desperately called Kuu to wake up.

[Kyuuuu... Onii-sama, Good morning...]

[You awake? Kuu, are you sure you're awake?]

If I'm not careful with this, she'll fall back to sleep again! I'm sure Kuu isn't awake yet!

[Z z z z z z z z z z, Kyuuuu, another five minutes please...]

Look, I knew it———!!!!

[Don't fall back to sleep! Kuu wake up—-!!!!!!]

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...That was what happened before.

If I think about it, Waffle being able to call Kuu up at around 5 minute is a huge accomplishment.

"...That was fairly quick."

Both Sylphy and Aisha agreed with me when they also knew that Kuu was someone who has a hard time waking up, as they nodded in approval.

"A Divine Beast that is bad at waking up"...And in the mind of the Captain, I'm sure that's what he was thinking right now.

- A never before seen beast.
- Once seen, surprised.
- Bad at waking up.

I wonder what kind of imagination would the Captain have once he sees Kuu, I'm really curious.

[My~ne, I've woke her up-!]

Waffle's tail was wagging like a torpedo, and jumped straight towards me.

...Eh? Why is Waffle wet?

[Kyu, Kyu, Kyu——-!!! Seriously!! Waffle!!]

This time I could hear Kuu's voice in the corridor.

...Somehow, the tone of her voice was angry? What did Waffle did... to wake her up?

[Kyuu—-! Onii-sama, please listen to me! Listen to me!!! It's something important, I'm coming right now!]

Aah, she is angry right now...

[Onii-sama! Can you listen to me? This Waffle, even though I was sleeping soundly, he did a body blow on me!]

Eeh???? A body blow?

"...Danna-sama, she seemed really angry right now, what did Kuu say?"

Ah right, Sylphy and Aisha doesn't have the Divine Protection of Cetus-sama. Which meant that they don't know what Kuu is talking about.

"...She said that Waffle-chan did a body blow on Kuu to wake her up..."

Aah, before I could explain, Amy-san started explaining.

"...A, a body blow?"

"Huh!? A body blow!?"

Both Aisha and Sylphy raised their voices.

[...Hey, Waffle. How did you wake Kuu up?]

It was Waffle the one who woke Kuu who has trouble waking up, and while wagging his tail he had a smug look on his face.

[Even when I shake and hit her, she wouldn't wake up, so I [Fly high in the sky]], all the way up on the ceiling, and landed on her!]

...

Waffle... Isn't that pretty radical?

Both Sylphy and Aisha looked at each other with a dumbfounded look.

[Listen, Myne. Kuu is horrible. Even when I so kindly wake her up, she attacked me with her [Bubbly Shawa-]] you know!]

Ah, so that's the reason why Waffle's all wet.

Well, since Kuu was still drowsy after being awake, the attack didn't deal much damage.

Seriously, what do I say to these two...

Body blowing Kuu, and protesting to me that he free fall onto her, and another protesting to me because he was drenched.

Waffle did do his best in trying to get Kuu to wake up.

Although his way was quite radical, but he did listen to my request.

Then again, Kuu did get hurt by the free fall while she was still sleeping.

Then counter attacking by splashing him, and considering her feelings, it's not like I don't understand why she did that.

...Un, alright. This is, my bad.

[I'm sorry to the both of you. It's because I was the one who asked Waffle to wake Kuu up.

Can Kuu forgive Waffle for me? Waffle too, I'm sure you wanted me to praise you for doing a good job right? I'm sorry.]

I lowered my head to apologize to both of them, Kuu and Waffle's tail hung down, then they raised a small [Kyu~] and [Wafu~] cry.

[Myne, I overkilled it, I'll apologize, Kuu, I'm sorry.]

[Kyu, I, I was also in the wrong! If I didn't wake up immediately... Waffle, thank you for waking me up.]

Waffle then licked my cheeks, and at the other end Kuu was rubbing her cheeks onto mine.

"...Uhmm, what on earth is going on ...?"

Aa, oh shit!? I've completely forgotten about Captain Franz!

"Ah, I'm sorry. There was a slight misunderstanding...

This girl is my new family member, the daughter of the Divine Beast Cetus-sama, Kuu."

As I said, Kuu also noticed the presence of the Captain.

"Kyuu" As she lowered her head in front of the Captain.

"...Please to meet you, Divine Beast-sama."

Franz also corrected his posture and lowered his head towards Kuu.

"I see, so Cetus-sama is a whale-shaped Divine Beast."

Eh? Captain Franz... have you seen a whale before?

Oh that's right, I think I heard someone saying that they appear in the Water Dungeon.

"Captain-san, so you know about their existence?"

"Yeah, I've seen them in the Water Dungeon before."

With that, the face-to-face relationship between Franz and the Fortuna Family was completed.

Captain said that once the Clan House is completed, they will bring the other members together again.

...Phew, the Konoe Knights huh.

It's different from our Clan, so I'm sure we will be exchanging various things from now on as well.

Even though our level has gone up, we can't leave behind Amy-san.

Let's look at it in a positive perspective.

Soon, the Clan House will be completed.

There are many things we'll have to do, so let's work hard from now on!



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